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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 70-NEW

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [REDACTED]

AKA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODY HARM, OO: [REDACTED]

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:10AM MDST/IN THE CATTLEMAN'S BAR, R.R. [REDACTED]

LAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX INDIAN RESERVATION,

[REDACTED], AKA, [REDACTED] AGE 23, DOB [REDACTED]

WAS ASSAULTED WITH A POOL CUE BY AN INDIAN PERSON BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AIM LEADER. MEANS AND OTHERS FLED BAR AFTER ASSAULT AND ARE THOUGHT TO BE RESIDING IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, AREA. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED HAS DETERMINED IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SHOW PHOTO SPREADS TO WITNESSES TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY MEANS AS SUBJECT.

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Russell Charles Means;

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION~~

~~TO DIRECTOR, FBI~~

~~FROM MINNEAPOLIS 70 NEW~~

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [REDACTED] AKA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODY HARM, OO: [REDACTED]

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:10AM MDST/IN THE CATTLEMEN'S BAR, R.R. MC

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 70-10082 (P)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - FUGITIVE; [REDACTED]

AKA [REDACTED]

CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODILY

HARM; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL TO BUREAU DATED JUNE 6, 1975.

[REDACTED] PRESENTED FGJ, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND TRUE BILL INDICTMENT RETURNED ON JUNE 18, 1975.

WARRANT ISSUED BY CLERK, USDC, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, JUNE 19, 1975,
CHARGING MEANS WITH ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON AND ASSAULT WITH
INTENT TO DO SERIOUS BODILY INJURY RESULTING IN SERIOUS BODILY
INJURY, BOTH VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1153.

ON JUNE 23, 1975, USM ARRESTED MEANS AT BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA.
MEANS AFFORDED MAGISTRATE HEARING AND RELEASED. HE IS TO APPEAR JUNE
24, 1975, TO POST \$5,000 OR TEN PERCENT CASH BOND.

ARRAIGNMENT SET USDC, JULY 1, 1975, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [Redacted] Aka		REPO SA [Redacted]	TYPED BY bz
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - ADW; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM	

REFERENCES:

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Enlarged photographs of the victim have been
 furnished directly to the U. S. Attorney's Office, Sioux
 Falls, South Dakota.

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SAN DIEGO DIVISION

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Will report results of contact with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who was in the company of MEANS on the night of the assault on

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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will follow and report results of subject's arraignment.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: MINNEAPOLIS

Date: June 30, 1975

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Field Office File #: MP 70-10082

Bureau File #:

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.
[REDACTED]Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON;
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

Synopsis: On 6/6/75 at the Cattlemen's Bar, near McLaughlin, South Dakota, within the exterior boundaries of the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] age 23, date of birth [REDACTED] while playing pool with an Indian person, subsequently identified as RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, Indian, age 36, date of birth 11/10/39, was assaulted by MEANS who hit [REDACTED] over the head with a pool cue, breaking the cue and causing injuries to top of [REDACTED] head, eye and under right arm. Federal Grand Jury, District of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, on 6/18/75 returned True Bill of Indictment, wherein MEANS was charged in two counts with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1153 (Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm). Clerk, U. S. District Court, on 6/19/75 caused warrant of arrest to be issued for MEANS, bond set at \$5,000 or 10 percent cash. MEANS located by U. S. Marshal, District of North Dakota, near Bismarck, North Dakota, on 6/23/75. MEANS to be arraigned 7/1/75 U. S. District Court, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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DETAILS:

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This investigation [redacted] information telephonically received from [redacted] Cattlemen's Bar, McLaughlin, South Dakota, who informed at 3:00 AM CDST on June 6, 1975, that RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, or someone believed to be MEANS, identified to him as MEANS, had assaulted [redacted] with a pool cue and that [redacted] was at that time receiving first aid at the McLaughlin Clinic. MEANS and others with him had left the area.

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AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA:

At 3:15 AM on June 6, 1975, SA [redacted] telephonically requested Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation Police Dispatcher [redacted] to immediately inform Agency Special Officer [redacted] of the above. [redacted] advised that Officers [redacted] and [redacted] were at that time on duty at McLaughlin and it was requested that those officers proceed immediately to the hospital and secure colored photographs of [redacted] and to check the area for any vehicle that might be operated by MEANS and his group, and to proceed to the Cattlemen's Bar and secure any physical evidence that might be at that location.

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[redacted] also known as [redacted]
[redacted], on interview informed SA [redacted]
[redacted] and Chief of Police CURT WIEDEMEIR of McLaughlin,
South Dakota, as follows:

On the previous evening June 5, 1975, he had
gone to the Cattlemen's Bar located on Highway US 12,
approximately one mile southeast of McLaughlin, South
Dakota. This bar is [redacted]

[redacted] He arrived at the bar around 10:00 -
10:30 PM MDST. As he went in he noticed a young man by
the name of [redacted] from Selfridge, North Dakota,
currently on leave from the armed forces, was shooting pool
at one of the tables together with some other young men
from Selfridge whose identities he does not know. Others
who he knows and who were in the bar that night and
during the incident hereafter described were [redacted]
and his wife [redacted] who is employed by a
block factory and cement plant at Mobridge, South Dakota,
[redacted] a young Indian man who resides in the Indian
housing area on the west side of McLaughlin, [redacted]
[redacted] girl friend, [redacted] wife, and some
four or five Indian persons, whose identities he does not
know, but who entered the bar around 11:00 PM. He
understands that there was a meeting that night at the
community room, by some of the Indian people, and the persons
who walked in had been in attendance at that meeting.

As the four or five Indian persons walked in
around 11:00 PM they walked over to the table where [redacted]
and his friends were shooting pool and asked them something
to the affect, "Do you have treaty rights on that table?"
[redacted] and his associates said nothing to this person and
shortly thereafter [redacted] and his friends left the bar so he
and [redacted] began shooting pool at that table and the
Indian persons were using the other table that was available
to them.

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There seemed to be no difficulty or trouble for quite some time and after he and [] had finished their game he [] made the statement, "Who is the best pool shot in the house?" One of the Indian persons, who acted like the leader, and who was later his assailant said that he was, so they entered into a \$5.00 bet over a game of "Eight Ball"; with each of them putting their bill on top of the florecent lamp over the table. As it turned out his opponent was a very good pool shot and had the game down to where there were only two balls and the eight ball left to shoot. Both of the balls were lying in a good position that they would be easy shots to make. The assailant then picked up the two bills and did not finish the game. [] said that he then said to the man, "Would you please put the money back," indicating the money was not won until all the balls were gone. The assailant said something about "Look where the balls are," and kept the money and [] asserts that he again asked the man to put the money back and he then "got mad and threw the money on the table". One of the bills went into the corner pocket and as he bent over the pocket to recover the bill, the person with whom he was shooting pool hit him over the head with his pool cue and then with the broken end, hit him again in the forehead, cutting or breaking his left eyebrow. His assailant then grabbed him by the hair and held him down in the corner. Somehow in the scuffle, a long sliver from the pool cue was driven into the area under his right arm and this was eventually removed by [] and []

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The exact location of the fight took place at the southeast corner of the pool table with his assailant on the south end of the table, facing him when he struck him.

There was alot of confusion and it is his recollection that a friend of his assailant was trying to hit him too, possibly a brother, wearing a pony tail hair style.

A friend of his who was in the bar at the time of the assault, an Indian, [redacted] told him that the person who hit him with the pool cue was RUSSELL MEANS, the AIM leader.

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[redacted] stated that he had examined some newspaper clippings taken of an AIM convention held at the Chief Gall Inn, last July and he could not positively identify RUSSELL MEANS as his assailant from the newspaper clippings, but desired to examine recent photographs before making a positive identification of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

[redacted] described his assailant as an Indian male, 6' 6" 2", approximately 200 pounds, big but not "pot bellied", was wearing a white leather type vest, with a colored design of some sort on the back, braids on each side of his head.

[redacted] informed that he had been treated and released from the McLaughlin Clinic by Dr. [redacted] M.D. He displayed a wound on the left side of his head which he said required stitches, a wound over his left eye and displayed the area in his right arm pit that had been struck with the sliver.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	23
Height	66½"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	[redacted]

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[redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA),
Police Officer, working the 12:01 to 8:00 AM shift at
McLaughlin, on June 6, 1975, informed as follows:

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He and officer [redacted] had been informed
by the Police Dispatcher, Fort Yates to proceed to the
McLaughlin Clinic and contacted [redacted] who had
allegedly been assaulted by RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, one
of the American Indian Movement (AIM) national leaders.
[redacted] stated that he and [redacted] were accompanied
by two officer trainees [redacted] and [redacted]

On arrival at the clinic they had interviewed
[redacted] who informed him that he had been shooting pool
at the Cattlemen's Bar with an Indian who the others
referred to as RUSS. He was wearing a long vest type
coat that came below his waist and on the front was the
word "MEANS" and on the back was an embroidered Indian
head. [redacted] and the other person, his assailant,
made a \$5.00 bet and then began to shoot a game of
"eight ball". As the game was about over, only three balls
remained on the table and [redacted] opponent picked up
the \$10.00 that was laying on a light over the table.

[redacted] stated that he challenged him to finish shooting
before taking the money, whereon his opponent became
angry and threw both bills at the table, one of the bills
going in a side pocket. As he, [redacted] leaned over
to take the bill out of the pocket he was hit over the
head, breaking the pool cue. His assailant then hit him
again and grabbed him by the hair and pulled him into the
corner of the bar and was going to beat him some more when
[redacted] a local non-Indian, hit [redacted] also
present with RUSSELL MEANS. The Indians then departed
the bar. [redacted] said he and [redacted] had contacted
the owners of the Cattlemen's Bar and obtained a list of
names of persons who were in the bar at the time of the
assault. Those names are:

[redacted] Indian

[redacted] Indian

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[REDACTED] Non-Indian

There were about four - five Indian males in the MEANS group and about three Indian females, unknown to the other persons then present.

He and [REDACTED] had taken pictures of [REDACTED] and one photo in the bar, where the assault took place. [REDACTED] took possession of the pool cue from the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Mr. [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs
(BIA) Police Officer informed as follows:

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[redacted] who was present during the interview of Officer [redacted] advised that he concurred with all that [redacted] had related and that he was with him during the interviews related to by [redacted] Officer [redacted] then turned over to SA [redacted] a broken pool cue which he had received from [redacted] of the Cattlemen's bar.

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[redacted] informed SA [redacted] and Criminal Investigator [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as follows:

At around midnight June 5, 1975, he and his wife [redacted] drove out to the Cattlemen's Bar on Highway 12, east of McLaughlin, South Dakota. There were not very many people in the bar when they went in but he did notice [redacted] and [redacted] to be in the bar. There were also some kids whose identities he does not know, playing pool at one of the tables. Shortly after he and his wife entered the bar it is his recollection that five Indian males, whose identities are not known to him and some Indian girls entered the bar. One of the Indian persons who appeared to him to be the leader of the group and the one who later became involved with [redacted] went up to the pool table being used by the younger persons and said something to the effect that did they have treaty rights to that table. Another table was open so they used that table and there did not seem to be any more trouble at that particular moment.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] was wearing sandals and shorts and an open knit t-shirt and the Indian persons who came into the bar were commenting about his dress and one of them said he had some shorts and sandals too.

[redacted] said the next thing that he recalls is when he overheard [redacted] make a statement to the effect, "I'll challenge anyone in here to a game of pool for \$5.00." After that the person who was the apparent leader of the group of five Indian males, accepted the challenge and he and [redacted] did shoot the game of "Eight Ball". Both men put a \$5.00 bill on top of the light over the pool table. The Indian male was a good pool shot and the table had only three balls left to be shot in when the Indian male quit shooting and just picked the money off the top of the light. [redacted] overheard [redacted] make a statement to the effect that he, the Indian, should put the money back as the game was not over yet. About that time the Indian male became

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quite ^{angry} threw the money toward the table and when [redacted] attempted to recover the money the Indian male hit [redacted] over the head, breaking the pool cue, then hit him again and grabbed [redacted] by the hair and held him down in the corner of the bar. About that time another Indian male in the group who was wearing a belt with the [redacted] inscribed on the belt tried to get at [redacted] so he, [redacted] entered into the fray and "popped him with my fist", keeping that person from attacking [redacted] too. Right after he hit this man, all the unknown Indian persons then left the bar and he does not know their method of travel. He had never seen these people in the bar before, had heard that the one who hit [redacted] was RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS the American Indian Movement (AIM) leader. [redacted] described this man as being tall, slender, with an earring and braids. He is certain that he and his wife will be able to positively identify this person were they to see him again.

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[redacted] Indian, Age 19, the son
of [redacted] McLaughlin, South Dakota, informed
SA [redacted] and Criminal Investigator [redacted]
[redacted] as follows:

On the night of June 5 - 6, 1975, he had been
in the company of [redacted] age 14, and his girl
friend [redacted] who is an employee of the
Public Health Service Clinic at McLaughlin. Earlier
in the evening he was at a meeting held at the community
room in McLaughlin in which some 40 - 50 Indian persons
were in attendance to protest. Some of those whom he
personally knows that were in attendance at that meeting
to protest the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) closing
of the subagency building at McLaughlin were RUSSELL
CHARLES MEANS whom he knows to be a leader in the American
Indian Movement (AIM) a person whom he knows as [redacted]
[redacted] RUSSELL MEANS, and as [redacted]
[redacted] a resident of Fort Yates and one who is
known to be active in AIM activities and a close friend and
associate of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

At 1:10 AM on June 6, 1975, he, his girl friend
and [redacted] pulled up to the Cattlemen's bar. The reason
that he is certain of the time is that he asked his girl
friend what time it was as he wondered if the bar would
still be open. He went into the bar at the time a fight
was going on and he saw an Indian known to him as [redacted]
[redacted] hit [redacted] once and [redacted] was being held by
the hair by another Indian whom he knows as RUSSELL CHARLES
MEANS. He said that he did not see RUSSELL MEANS with a
pool cue however that there was a busted pool cue on the floor
when he came in and he saw a long sliver of wood sticking
out from under [redacted] right arm pit. He said that RUSSELL
MEANS arms were bloody and he felt that this was blood from
[redacted] as [redacted] was bleeding very badly. He said the
bar owner let him out to bring in the others waiting in
his car and he stayed in the bar until it was quieted down.
Shortly after he got in the RUSSELL MEANS group left the
bar as [redacted] had hit [redacted] and [redacted]
forced them to leave.

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Others whom he knows that were in the bar at the time and should be able to relate as to what happened prior to his entering the bar were a sister of his [redacted] who lives in Number [redacted] Housing Apartments, and [redacted] who was quite drunk.

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[redacted] said he is certain that the person who was holding [redacted] and RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS the AIM leader.

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[redacted] Indian age 14, informed SA [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted], Bureau of Indian Affairs
(BIA) Criminal Investigator as follows:

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He was with [redacted] and [redacted]
girl friend [redacted] on the night of
June 5 - 6, 1975, and they had driven out to the Cattlemen's
Bar, southeast of McLaughlin. He had remained
inside the car and after a while a group of about five
Indian males, whose identity he does not know, came out
of the bar and got into a vehicle which he thought to
be a little red colored sport car and quickly drove off
in the direction of McLaughlin.

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[redacted] Indian, age 18, who
resides in an apartment [redacted]
McLaughlin, South Dakota, informed SA [redacted]
and Criminal Investigator [redacted] of the
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as follows:

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She was with her boy friend [redacted] on
the night of June 5-6, 1975, and together with him
and [redacted] they had driven out to the Cattlemen's
Bar near McLaughlin. It was shortly after 1:00 AM
on June 6, 1975, they arrived at the bar as [redacted] had
asked her what time it was and they wondered if they
could get in. [redacted] went inside and shortly thereafter
a group of five Indians came out the bar and left in a
sports car. She could not further identify the car
and was not certain what way they went when leaving.
She did not know if she would be able to identify those
leaving the bar or not.

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[redacted] then at Mobridge, South Dakota, a resident of McLaughlin, South Dakota, informed SA [redacted] and Criminal Investigator [redacted] as follows:

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[redacted] entered the bar known as the Cattlemen's Bar about 11:00 PM, having come from Mobridge. He met his friend [redacted] just as [redacted] was about to leave and enticed him to return to the bar and shoot some pool. There were some young fellows from Selfridge, North Dakota, using one of the two pool tables and the other table was open. About 11:00 PM a group of Indian persons, about five males and three females came in the bar. He does not know if the males and females were together, but they did enter the bar at about the same time. They seemed to know each other and they are not known to him as local Indian persons from the McLaughlin area. One of the persons who entered the bar, the one that he later saw hit [redacted] with a pool cue, walked up to the young people using the first table and asked them if they had "Treaty rights" on that table. Since the other table was not in use the Indian persons who entered then shot pool on the vacant table and after the young men from Selfridge quit shooting he and [redacted] used the table. The Indian who hit [redacted] had the word "MEANS" over a shirt pocket. He was wearing a vest type coat or jacket that had a figure of some kind on the back of it.

Finally [redacted] and the leader of the Indian group wearing the vest engaged in a game of pool and made a \$5.00 bet, placing the money on a light over the table. Before all the balls were shot in, and in what appeared to be easy shots for the Indian, the Indian person picked up the two \$5.00 bills and [redacted] asked him to put them back as the game was not yet over. Some other words were exchanged between the two and the Indian person then got mad and threw the bills at the table. As [redacted] bent over to pick up the bills the Indian person hit him with his pool cue, breaking the cue with the first blow and he then hit him again with a remaining portion of the cue, knocking

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[redacted] to his knees. He then grabbed him by the hair, and was holding him down on the floor and asking him if he had had enough. During the scuffle, the Indian had driven a long five or six inch sliver of wood into the arm pit of [redacted] which was later removed by [redacted]

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As the one Indian had [redacted] down another Indian, wearing a belt with the name [redacted] tried to hit him too and at this point [redacted] hit him and the whole group suddenly left the bar and departed the area.

[redacted] stated that he will be able to positively identify [redacted] assailant were he to see him again. He can be contacted at his place of employment, Sackreiter Development Company, East Third Avenue and RR, Mobridge, South Dakota.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [] on June 6, 1975:

AT MC LAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA:

Efforts were made by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [] to locate [] and it was determined that he was thought to be in the Mobridge area and was drinking at the time.

On June 6, 1975, efforts were made to locate and interview [] and it was determined that she was not at her employment; the Tribal Office at Fort Yates, nor was she at the apartment at McLaughlin Number [] housing project. b6 b7C

[] Acting Criminal Investigator, BIA, informed that he was advised by KENNETH SNYDER, Sheriff, Sioux County, North Dakota, that at 7:30 PM on June 5, 1975, the following persons were in ED's Bar, Fort Yates, North Dakota; RUSSELL, BILL and [] [] thought to be a local member of American Indian Movement (AIM), and one other whose identity was not determined by the Sheriff. These men were shooting pool and were looking for the [] Brother^S (Phonetic) who were apparently involved in some controversy. The [] brothers are Indians and resided on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The men finally left the bar at Fort Yates, stating that they were going to McLaughlin to attend a meeting. The nature of the meeting was not known.

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[redacted] Cattlemen's Bar,
US Highway Number 12, Southeast of McLaughlin, South
Dakota, informed telephonically at 3:00 AM, CDST, June
6, 1975, as follows:

[redacted] Western
Bar, McLaughlin, South Dakota, had at about 1:10 AM
MDST been struck over the head with a pool cue by a
person identified to [redacted] RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.
The incident grew out of an argument over a pool game.
[redacted] was at that time being treated at the McLaughlin
Community Hospital. He was hit twice on the head and
hurt under the right arm. Those who were in the bar
at the time of the incident and who can identify the
assailant were [redacted] Indian [redacted]

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[redacted] a local Indian, [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]

There were five Indian persons who entered
the bar at around mid-night. One of those who entered
was wearing a belt with the words [redacted] on the belt.
This person was hit by [redacted] when he too tried
to hit [redacted] after he had been assaulted by a person
who was identified to him as RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
the nationally known leader of the American Indian
Movement (AIM). He said that when the group entered the
bar he thought that one of them looked familiar and this one,
the one that hit [redacted] with the pool cue and [redacted]
[redacted] told him that this person was RUSSELL MEANS. [redacted]
informed that he had not informed the Tribal authorities
of the incident and he had called the Sheriff at McIntosh
who stated that he would respond later that day. He said
that [redacted] will be available for interview at his
home in McLaughlin.

In a subsequent telephone interview at
approximately 3:45 AM, [redacted] informed that the person
who hit [redacted] with the pool cue was wearing a vest type
jacket with the name MEANS on the front of it and a large
Indian head embroidered on the back. Those that had
entered the bar said that they had been at a meeting in

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McLaughlin before coming to the bar and at the time they entered he felt that they were there to start trouble based on the way they approached the table occupied by the shooters from Selfridge. They did not appear drunk.

Subsequently on June 6, 1975, [] informed that he had given the broken pool cue and the splinter to officer [] and [] at the time they appeared at the bar during the early morning hours of June 6, 1975.

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[redacted] attlemen's Bar, informed as follows:

[redacted] at the time of the incidents that took place there around 1:10 AM on June 6, 1975. She was present at the time [redacted] was relating information telephonically to SA [redacted] and concurred with everything that he had related. She did not personally hear anyone address [redacted] assailant as RUSSELL MEANS, but was told by [redacted] a Tribal employee from Fort Yates, who alleged that she personally knows RUSSELL MEANS, that it was RUSSELL who had hit [redacted] with the pool cue. She said that this same person was wearing a long vest type coat that came below the waist and had an Indian head on the back of it and the name "MEANS" on the front. He wore his hair in braids, had a light colored shirt, maybe yellow, had a lot of turquoise type jewelry, an earring and neat appearing. One of his companions was observed by her to wear a belt with the words [redacted] on it and this is the one who was hit by [redacted]

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There were three girls that walked into the bar at about the same time as MEANS and the others. She did not know if they came in the same vehicle or not, but they suddenly disappeared at the time the trouble started. [redacted] said she can identify [redacted] assailant were she to see him again or a photograph of him.

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[redacted] was contacted on his ranch near McLaughlin, South Dakota, and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. [redacted] was then requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify the individual who hit [redacted] over the head with a pool cue stick at the Cattlemen's Bar, McLaughlin, South Dakota, during the early morning hours of June 6, 1975.

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The photographs which make up the group of photographs shown are individually described as follows:

1. [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) photograph, Fort Yates, North Dakota, dated June 8, 1975. b6 b7c

2. [redacted] BIA photograph, Fort Yates, North Dakota, dated June 8, 1975.

3. Unknown Subject, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Police Department, Number [redacted] dated July 6, 1973.

4. Unknown Subject, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Police Department, Number [redacted] dated July 24, 1972.

5. Unknown Subject, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Police Department, Number [redacted] dated June 17, 1974.

6. THEODORE LYLE MEANS, Pennington County, South Dakota, Sheriff's Office, Number 11060, dated February 10, 1973.

7. [redacted] BIA, Fort Yates, North Dakota, dated June 8, 1975.

8. Unknown Subject, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Police Department, Number [redacted] dated May 12, 1973.

9. RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, Pennington County, South Dakota, Sheriff's Office, Number 11048, dated February 6, 1973.

10. [redacted]

11. DENNIS JAMES BANKS, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police Department, Number 47315, dated September 4, 1971.

12. WILLIAM ALLEN MEANS, Denver, Colorado, Police Department, Number 236480, dated March 2, 1975.

13. [redacted] BIA, Fort Yates, North Dakota, dated June 8, 1975.

14. [redacted] Grand Forks, North Dakota, Police Department, Number [redacted], dated January 30, 1972.

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[redacted] after examining the above-described photographs, positively identified a photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as being the individual who struck [redacted]

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[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] and advised that he was relatively certain that it was a photograph of the individual that was wearing the belt with [redacted] on it, and the individual that he hit.

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[redacted] Cattlemen's Bar and also known as the Cattlemen's Saloon, was contacted at his place of business and interviewed in the presence of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify the individual who struck [redacted] over the head with a pool cue during the early morning hours of June 6, 1975, at the Cattlemen's Bar.

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[redacted] upon examining the above-described photographs, picked the photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS and positively identified the photograph as being the individual who was wearing a yellow shirt, and a white vest, that had a large Indian chief embroidered on the back, and the word "MEANS" on the front breast pocket. [redacted] further advised that the individual depicted in this photograph was the individual who struck [redacted] over the head with a pool cue.

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[redacted] picked the photograph of [redacted] as being the individual that was wearing a belt with the words [redacted] on it, and who had his fist back to hit [redacted] however, he was stopped from doing so by [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] hit this individual.

[redacted] picked out the photograph of [redacted] as being very familiar and was believed to have been at the Cattlemen's Bar during the incident.

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[redacted] was contacted at the Cattlemen's Bar, and she is the [redacted]

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[redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if she could identify the individual who struck [redacted] during a pool game at the Cattlemen's Bar during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975.

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[redacted] after examining the above-described photographs, positively identified a photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as the individual [redacted] was playing pool with and who struck [redacted] over the head with a pool cue. b6 b7c

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] as being the individual wearing the belt with [redacted] on it.

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] as being with RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS and wearing a cowboy hat.

[redacted] advised that the photographs of THEODORE LYLE MEANS and WILLIAM ALLEN MEANS look familiar; however, she stated that she did not know where she has seen them before.

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[redacted] Housing Number [redacted]
McLaughlin, South Dakota, was interviewed at the place
of her employment, Standing Rock Tribal Office, McLaughlin,
South Dakota. [redacted] was interviewed in the presence
of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [redacted]
[redacted] was advised that the nature of the interview
concerned the incident at the Cattlemen's Bar during the
early morning hours on June 6, 1975. [redacted] furnished
the following information:

[redacted] advised that she arrived at the
Cattlemen's Bar at about 1:30 a.m., Central Standard
Time, on June 6, 1975. At the Cattlemen's Bar, when
she arrived, was RUSSELL MEANS, and the following
individuals were with RUSSELL MEANS:

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[redacted]
[redacted] (Last Name Unknown)

[redacted] further advised that the following
individuals were also at the Cattlemen's Bar when she
was there:

[redacted] and his wife
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was with an Indian
male whom she did not know.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] made a remark that
he wanted to play pool with the best in the house. [redacted]
advised that there was a \$5.00 bet on the pool game. RUSSELL
MEANS took [redacted] on, and both [redacted] and RUSSELL MEANS
placed a \$5.00 bill on top of the lamp over the pool table.

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[redacted] advised that she was sitting off to the side of the pool table where RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] were playing, talking to [redacted] next to the door. At about 2:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, a fight started next to the pool table, and she observed RUSSELL MEANS hit [redacted] twice. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was close by the fight; however, she did not see [redacted] hit [redacted]. [redacted] stated that she turned and got over into a corner as the fight started. [redacted] stated that she observed [redacted] start toward the fight with a club; however, the fight broke up before he got to them.

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[redacted] stated that RUSSELL and [redacted] and [redacted] were at the meeting at the Housing Center in McLaughlin, South Dakota, a little after 8:00 p.m., Central Standard Time. [redacted] stated that she used to work with [redacted].

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive information concerning the following individuals:

RUSSELL MEANS, an Indian male, 5'11", skinny build, long black hair which was pulled back, in his early 30's, wearing a yellow shirt, dark blue pants, cowboy boots, cream colored vest with stitching of an Indian's head wearing a war bonnet on the back. The vest also had Indian art work design on the pockets.

[redacted] an Indian male, 5'11", heavy build, long black hair, which was pulled back, age in his 30's, wearing a dark shirt which appeared to be of different colors and dark blue pants.

[redacted] an Indian male, 5'11", skinny build, [redacted] hair, age in mid 20's, wearing light colored clothing.

[redacted] an Indian male, 5'7", heavy build, long black hair, wearing in a pony tail style, and about 27 years of age.

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[redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs b6
in an effort to determine if she could identify RUSSELL MEANS, b7c
[redacted] and [redacted] Last
Name Unknown), of whom she had made reference to above.

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[redacted] upon examining the above-described photographs positively identified the photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as being RUSSELL MEANS and hitting [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] and stated that this was an individual known to her only as [redacted] and being with RUSSELL MEANS, as mentioned above.

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] as being [redacted] referred to above.

[redacted] picked the photograph of [redacted] and advised that this photograph is very similar to [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), referred to above.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent as an Agent with the FBI and was requested to examine a group of photographs. The purpose of examining the photographs was to determine if [redacted] could identify the individual who struck him over the head with a pool cue at the Cattlemen's Bar in McLaughlin, South Dakota, during the early morning hours of June 6, 1975.

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[] picked the photograph of [] and advised that the photograph was very similar to the guy that was at the Saddlemen's Bar, and whom he talked to about playing pool. [] stated that this individual was believed to have been wearing a brown cowboy hat, a jacket, and cowboy boots.

[] picked out the photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as being very similar to the individual he was playing pool with, and as the individual who struck him with the pool cue.

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[] also picked out the photograph of [] as being very similar to the individual who tried to jump him the same time he was getting hit by the individual he was playing pool with.

[] furnished the following personal information concerning himself:

Date of Birth	[]
Place of Birth	Mobridge, South Dakota
Social Security Number	[]
Address	[] McLaughlin, South Dakota

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[redacted] Ed's Cowboy Bar, Fort Yates, North Dakota, was contacted at his place of business. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that the nature of the interview was to determine if a group of individuals had gathered at his bar on Thursday, June 5, 1975, and left for a meeting at McLaughlin, South Dakota.

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[redacted] advised as follows:

Between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 1975, the following individuals were present at his bar:

RUSSELL MEANS

[redacted] stated that there was another Indian male of whom he did not know.

[redacted] advised that around 7:30 p.m., [redacted] advised him that they were going to a meeting in McLaughlin, South Dakota. [redacted] advised that they were all very nice and did not cause any trouble. [redacted] furnished the following descriptive information concerning the following individuals:

RUSSELL MEANS, an Indian male, 5'11", 175 pounds, long black hair that was not in braids, wearing dark glasses, and a white or grey jacket with an Indian head wearing a war bonnet embroidered on the back.

[redacted], an Indian male, shorter and huskier than RUSSELL MEANS, black hair worn in a pony tail style.

[redacted] an Indian male, 6', 180 pounds, [redacted] hair, and was wearing a white cowboy hat.

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[redacted] [redacted] an Indian male, 5'10",
195 pounds, husky build, black hair worn in a pony tail
style and wore glasses.

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[redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs
in an effort to determine if he could identify the photographs
of RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] as being the individuals he had mentioned above.

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[redacted] after examining the above photographs,
positively identified the photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES
MEANS as being the individual known to him as RUSSELL
MEANS.

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[redacted] positively identified the photograph of
[redacted] as being the individual known to him only
as [redacted]

[redacted] positively identified the photograph of [redacted]
[redacted] as being an individual known to him as [redacted]

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted]
[redacted] as being the individual known to him as [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Investigator [redacted]. [redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify the individual who was fighting with [redacted] on the early morning hours of June 6, 1975.

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[redacted] upon examining the above-described photographs, b6
positively identified a photograph of [redacted] b7C
as being the individual who let him into the door of the
Cattlemen's Bar.

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as being the individual he saw as
he entered the Cattlemen's Bar and fighting with [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] picked the photograph of [redacted]
and advised the photograph is similar to [redacted] who tried
to throw a punch at [redacted] remarked that the
photograph was a bad photograph, for [redacted] has a bad
complexion. [redacted] further advised that the photograph of
[redacted] was another photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES
MEANS.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Wrangler Motel and requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify the individual who struck [redacted] over the head with a pool cue at the Cattlemen's Bar, McLaughlin, South Dakota, during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975.

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[redacted] upon examining the above-described b6
photographs, picked out the photographs of RUSSELL CHARLES b7c
MEANS and [redacted] as being similar to the individual
who struck [redacted] [redacted] further advised that the photographs
of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS and [redacted] are both similar
to the individual who was wearing the belt with the words
[redacted] on it.

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[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [redacted]. [redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify any of the individuals depicted thereon as being at the Cattlemen's Bar in McLaughlin, South Dakota, during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975.

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[redacted] after viewing the above-described
photographs, was unable to identify any of them.

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[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [redacted]. [redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if she could identify any of the individuals depicted thereon as being at the Cattlemen's Bar, McLaughlin, South Dakota, during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975.

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[REDACTED] after viewing the above-described
photographs, was unable to identify any of them.

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Mrs. [] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent as an Agent with the FBI and that the nature of the interview concerned the incident which occurred at the Cattlemen's Bar during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975. [] advised as follows:

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[] stated that she and her husband, [] arrived at the Cattlemen's Bar near McLaughlin, South Dakota, at about 12:00 a.m., MDST, on Thursday evening, June 5, 1975. When they arrived there were four kids shooting pool at the first pool table by the door, and one of the kids was (First Name Unknown) [] stated that [] and [] were also there. [] stated that she could not recall if [] and [] were already there or if they came in just after she and her husband arrived.

[] stated that after about 15 or 20 minutes later, five Indian males, and shortly thereafter two Indian females, entered the bar. One of the Indian males went up to the pool table and stated, "We want this table, you don't have any treaty rights." Nothing was said by the kids playing pool. [] and his friends finished their game of pool and then left the bar.

[] then advised that [] and [] then started shooting pool at the first pool table. The same individual who asked earlier about treaty rights to the pool table started giving [] a hard time about [] cutoff shorts and sandals that [] was wearing.

[] advised that [] and [] finished playing their game of pool and then [] made a remark something to the effect, if there was a man that wanted to shoot a game of pool for \$5.00. The same individual who was harassing [] about his shorts and sandals challenged [] to the pool game and both of them placed a \$5.00 bill on top of the lamp over the pool table. After the pool game was started, a few shots were made, the individual reached up and took both \$5.00 bills off the lamp without [] knowing it. [] advised that there were a lot of

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pool balls on the table when [redacted] opponent took the money. Later in the game [redacted] noticed the money missing and asked who took it. [redacted] opponent stated that he did as he patted his pocket. [redacted] insisted that the individual place the money back until the game was over. The individual then placed the money on the pool table and one of the \$5.00 bills fell on the floor. [redacted] then requested that the individual place the money on the lamp over the pool table until the game was over. [redacted] then stated it was at this point she observed the individual that [redacted] was playing pool with strike [redacted] over the head with a pool cue and when he did so the pool cue broke. The individual hit [redacted] several more times with the pool cue, then grabbed [redacted] by the hair, pulling [redacted] head toward the floor. This individual then asked [redacted] if he had enough. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised as [redacted] got up to walk away, another Indian male who was wearing a belt with the name [redacted] on it tried to hit [redacted] advised that her husband hit this individual in order to keep him from hitting [redacted] stated that the individual who hit [redacted] the individual with the [redacted] belt, and their friends left immediately.

[redacted] furnished the following description of the individual [redacted] was playing pool with and who struck [redacted] with the pool cue:

Indian male, 5'11½" tall, 175 pounds, average build, long black hair worn in a pony tail, wearing an earring, and about 35 to 37 years of age, wearing a yellow shirt, a vest type jacket with Indian art work on the vest.

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive information concerning the individual wearing the [redacted] belt:

Indian male, 5'10" tall, 165 pounds, long black hair worn in a pony tail.

[redacted] was then requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if she could identify the aforementioned individuals.

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[redacted] after examining the above-described photographs, picked the photograph of [redacted] as being very similar to the individual who hit [redacted] with the pool cue. [redacted] advised that she could recognize the individual if she could see him in person.

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[redacted] stated that the individual who hit [redacted] over the head with the pool cue had a smoother complexion than the individual wearing the belt with [redacted] on it.

[redacted] was unable to comment on any of the other photographs.

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Date of transcription June 20, 1975

[redacted], McLaughlin Hospital,
District, Post Office Box 310, McLaughlin, South Dakota,
made available the attached copy of an out-patient report
concerning treatment given to [redacted] on June 6, 1975,
by [redacted] M. D.

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by SA [redacted] kh 59 Date dictated June 16, 1975

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Date of transcription June 20, 1975

[redacted] M. D., Medical Clinic, McLaughlin
Hospital District advised the following information
concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] was [redacted]
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[redacted]
[redacted] mother worked for the hospital, and
he knew he could keep close contact on [redacted] developments
through his mother.

[redacted] advised that he completed a medical report
of the treatment given to [redacted] which would also set forth
the description of [redacted] wounds. [redacted] advised that
this report could be made available to the FBI upon request.

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by SA [redacted] 61
Date dictated June 16, 1975

AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

On June 6, 1975, [redacted] as then known, were presented to Mr. [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. [redacted] stated that in view of the circumstances, it was his intention [redacted] Federal Grand Jury [redacted]

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AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

On [redacted] presented to a Federal Grand Jury then sitting at [redacted] by Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] On June 19, 1975, the Grand Jury returned a true bill of indictment wherein RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS was charged with two counts with a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1153.

AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

On June 24, 1975, [redacted] Deputy United States Attorney, Aberdeen, South Dakota, informed that the Clerk, United States District Court, had on June 19, 1975, caused a warrant of arrest to be issued for MEANS. Bond was set at \$5,000 cash or 10 percent cash.

[redacted] informed that he had determined that as of June 23, 1975, MEANS was not on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and contact with tribal authorities there determined that MEANS was last seen on Friday night, June 20, 1975, en route to Rapid City and was thought to possibly be on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.

The following is a physical description of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS:

Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Hair	Black, parted in the middle, braided and with a couple of feathers in his hair
Date of birth	11/10/39
Height	Approximately 5'10" to 6'
Weight	185 pounds

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AT BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS was arrested on June 23, 1975, by U. S. Marshal [REDACTED] MEANS was released on \$500 cash bond at a hearing before U. S. Magistrate HARRY J. PEARCE and was assigned U. S. Magistrate Number 03351.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (70-10082) (P)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [REDACTED] AKA - [REDACTED] CIR-ASSAULT

WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

MEANS' ATTORNEY HAD BEEN GRANTED A CONTINUANCE FROM JULY 1, 1975, BY USDJ FRED J. NICHOL; HOWEVER, MEANS APPEARED ANYWAY IN USDC AT ABERDEEN JULY 1, 1975, AND WITHOUT COUNCIL, ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY TO THE INDICTMENT RETURNED BY THE FGJ, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON JUNE 18, 1975. MEANS WAS CONTINUED ON \$5,000.00, 10 PERCENT BOND WHICH HAD BEEN POSTED BEFORE US MAGISTRATE IN BISMARCK AND WAS GIVEN 30 DAYS TO FILE ANY MOTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INDICTMENT.

MEANS WAS IN THE COMPANY OF FOUR OTHER INDIAN PERSONS AND WAS OBSERVED TO BE IN A 1963 GREEN PONTIAC BEARING NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE

[REDACTED] WHICH IS REGISTERED TO A BROTHER, [REDACTED] OF BISMARCK.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (70-65558)

DATE: 11/4/75

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-10082) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

aka

CIR - ADW;

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 4/10/75
at Minneapolis and Bulet 0-1 (MP 10/10/75).

The U. S. Supreme Court, in a decision rendered in March, 1975, ruled that Federal jurisdiction on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Reservation should be limited to those offenses involving Indian persons when the offense occurs on trust or Indian owned lands. The decision stated the State of South Dakota has jurisdiction over those offenses which occurred on former reservation lands that were opened to settlement.

Based on the aforementioned decision, the defense in this case has moved to dismiss the Federal prosecution for lack of jurisdiction. Inasmuch as the offense did not occur on trust or tribal land on the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, the issue is being argued before U. S. District Judge FRED J. NICHOL. Companion issue before the court at this time which complicates the jurisdictional issue is a pending dispute over the authority of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to demand liquor operators on that reservation to purchase a tribal license in addition to the State licenses.

Judge NICHOL, in a letter dated 10/16/75, directed the defense to submit their briefs to him by 11/15/75 and further ordered the U. S. Attorney's Office would be granted 30 days from 11/15/75 to answer with the final briefs to be submitted to him by 1/1/76.

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In view of the above, this case will not be adjudicated until a ruling concerning jurisdiction has been set down by the court and, thereafter, appeals are expected to the 8th Circuit.

Minneapolis will continue to follow this and advise.

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REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 11/28/75	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/10 - 10/28/75
TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [redacted] aka [redacted]		REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY jnj
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - ADW; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM	

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REFERENCE: Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, 6/6/75.
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Minneapolis airtel to Bureau, 6/24/75.
San Diego airtel to Minneapolis, 7/11/75.

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Will follow and report results of prosecutive action to be brought against RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

AT BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

Will locate and interview [redacted] and [redacted] individuals who were allegedly in the company of RUSSELL MEANS at McLaughlin, South Dakota, on the night of the offense 6/6/75.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED				<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
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						PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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Title:

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;

Character:

CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION -
ASSAULT WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON;

Synopsis:

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

On 7/1/75, RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment returned 6/18/75 charging violations T18, USC, Section 1153 and S.B.C.L. 22-18-11 and 22-18-12, assault with dangerous weapon, assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Bond was continued. Additional witnesses identified and interviewed. Jurisdiction on non-trust land, Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, within South Dakota being challenged.

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DETAILS:

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Fort Yates, North Dakota:

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On June 10, 1975, [redacted] [redacted] Investigator, for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Yates, North Dakota, advised that he has determined through the interview of [redacted] that the following two Indian females were with RUSSELL MEANS at the Cattleman's Bar located in Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, at which time RUSSELL MEANS was alleged to have assaulted [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] both reside in Bismarck, North Dakota, and both are employed at the United Tribes Center in Bismarck, North Dakota. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] has a 1973 dark green Vega that has no license plate registered and is believed to be the vehicle that RUSSELL MEANS and others utilized on the night of June 5, 1975, to travel to Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, to attend a meeting in Mc Laughlin, [redacted] vehicle was also believed to have been utilized by RUSSELL MEANS and others to travel to the Cattleman's Bar located east of Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, on the same evening.

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AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

On July 1, 1975, RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS appeared in the U.S. District Court at Aberdeen, South Dakota, without counsel and on the advice of the court then sitting FRED J. NICHOL a plea of not guilty was entered for MEANS to the indictment which had been returned on June 18, 1975, wherein MEANS was charged with two counts of violations of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1153 and South Dakota Compiled Laws Section 22-18-11 and 12, assault with dangerous weapon, assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Judge NICHOL on July 1, 1975, continued the bond for MEANS.

July 9, 1975

Date of transcription

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[redacted] (no middle name) [redacted] Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, California, Social Security Account Number [redacted], was interviewed at the Office of HMS 16 Detachment, Building 1431, Camp Pendleton, California, and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a close friend of the victim in this investigation and has known him for several years and also that he was at the Cattlemen's Bar in Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, during the evening that his friend was injured in a fight with RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

[redacted] stated that on June 6, 1975, he was on military leave and was visiting his sister, [redacted] and her husband at Mc Laughlin, South Dakota. He stated he was accompanied to Mc Laughlin from Selfridge, North Dakota, by his brothers, [redacted] and [redacted] and a friend named [redacted]. He indicated there are no street addresses in Selfridge so his brothers and [redacted] can be contacted at Selfridge simply by inquiring of the local residents concerning their residence location.

[redacted] stated that after they visited with his sister and brother-in-law, the four of them went to the Cattlemen's Bar in Mc Laughlin and were playing pool. He stated that he recalls [redacted] was at the Cattlemen's Bar when they arrived and a few minutes later, [redacted] another friend from Mc Laughlin, arrived at the bar. Also in the bar at that time were [redacted] and his wife, residents of Mc Laughlin, as well as [redacted]

[redacted] said that after they had been in the Cattlemen's Bar for a while a group of Indians came into the bar which included RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and one other [redacted]. There were also four or five other Indians including two females and they all acted quite belligerent and displayed a hostile attitude towards [redacted] and his friends while they were playing pool. [redacted] said that he recognized RUSSELL MEANS from having seen him several times in the past

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by SA [redacted] jam Date dictated 7/8/75

and is positive that it was RUSSELL who was leading the group. He said he thought he recognized [redacted] but that he was not sure until his brother told him [redacted] was one of the other Indians. Also he noted [redacted] had a belt with his name on it for further identification.

[redacted] advised that he and his group were playing pool at one of the pool tables and the other table was empty. He said no one in the group had been drinking to excess and as he recalls no one in the bar appeared drunk. He stated during the game he was playing RUSSELL MEANS walked over to the table and asked if "We had tribal rights to that table." [redacted] said he told MEANS, "Yes, I do. I pay taxes." He said MEANS then gave him a dirty look, said something under his breath and walked off. [redacted] said they continued to play their game and [redacted] came over to the table and put a quarter down on the table to challenge the winners of the game when it was completed.

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[redacted] stated that his brother, [redacted], told him that they should leave since the atmosphere in the bar was not too comfortable with the MEANS group there. He said they then told [redacted] that they did not want to play another game because of the Indian group in the bar and decided to leave the area. When they were leaving, [redacted] noticed that the quarter was still sitting on the edge of the table which [redacted] had placed there to challenge the game.

[redacted] said that the next day he had returned to Mc Laughlin to visit with his sister and brother-in-law. His sister then told him that [redacted] had been injured in a fight at the bar and had been taken to the hospital for medical treatment. He said he went over to visit [redacted] and [redacted] told him that following [redacted] leaving the bar, RUSSELL MEANS had walked over to the table and taken the quarter which belonged to [redacted]. [redacted] said that he told MEANS the quarter belonged to him, so MEANS threw the quarter down on the floor. When [redacted] bent over to pick the quarter up off the floor, MEANS hit him in the back of the head with a pool stick and as [redacted] was getting up from the floor, MEANS hit him across the forehead with the pool stick. At this time, the pool stick broke and poked [redacted] in the back, causing an injury to his back. [redacted] was then held down on the floor and MEANS walked up and took the pool stick, which was broken in half, and shoved the stick into his body under his arm.

[] stated that the individual known to him as RUSSELL MEANS was described as a male Indian, approximately 5' 11" to 6' tall, weighing 195 pounds, and was wearing his hair braided with leather thongs on the braids. He stated that MEANS was wearing a light colored leather vest with the name MEANS on the vest and possibly on the belt. He also had an Indian chief headdress on the back of the vest and was wearing a beaded necklace and a wide turquoise and silver Indian bracelet.

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Date of transcription July 17, 1975

[redacted] Apartment [redacted] 3904
University Avenue, Grand Forks, North Dakota, advised
as follows:

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He is attending the summer session at the University of North Dakota. He plans to return to Little Eagle, South Dakota, after the summer session. He was at the Cattlemen's Bar near McLaughlin, South Dakota, on or about June 6, 1975. As he recalls it was a Thursday. He has known [redacted] for quite some time. [redacted] was there with [redacted] who is from Little Eagle, South Dakota.

RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] were playing pool as partners against [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] said he would challenge anyone there for \$5.00 in a game of pool. After they finished their game RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] played as RUSSELL MEANS apparently accepted the challenge from [redacted]. After [redacted] finished the pool game he went over and was playing "foosball" with a friend of his, [redacted]. This was about 12:30 AM. The bar was going to close in about one-half hour. [redacted] was not playing close attention to the pool game. He heard something and when he looked up he saw RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] struggling. RUSSELL MEANS had [redacted] on the floor. MEANS was standing over [redacted] and holding him by the hair on the floor. It all happened quite suddenly. MEANS was saying something to [redacted] about "Do you give up?" or something like that. [redacted] knows when he looked up the pool cue was broken but he cannot remember if he saw the parts of the pool cue laying there or whether MEANS had part of it in his hand. [redacted] was watching [redacted]. He had blood all over his head and it was coming down his left side onto his shirt. [redacted] was not unconscious. Shortly thereafter they took [redacted] away.

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by SA MERLE E. NELSON:mjs Date dictated 7/11/75

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He had just met RUSSELL MEANS that night but could not say whether or not he had been drinking as he does not know him. He did not know who was in MEANS' party. He had gone to high school with [redacted]. He does not know if she was traveling with MEANS, or vice versa. He does not know [redacted].

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Concerning [redacted] he said he might have had a little too much to drink; however, he did not appear to be intoxicated and both RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] seemed to be able to handle themselves all right. He said [redacted] was a boxer and ordinarily he would be able to handle himself well.

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On June 30, 1975, South Dakota Highway Patrolman [redacted] then at Sisseton, South Dakota, but stationed at Winner, South Dakota, advised Special Agent [redacted] he had heard a rumor to the effect that MEANS was going to claim that he was in Winner on the Rosebud Reservation at the time of the offense at McLaughlin, South Dakota, on June 6, 1975.

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AT WINNER, SOUTH DAKOTA

On September 17, 1975, Mr. DARRELL MINER, Sheriff of Tripp and Todd Counties, whose offices are at Winner, informed Special Agent [redacted] that he had no personal knowledge of the fact that MEANS had been at Rosebud or Winner on June 6, 1975. He stated that he checked with all of his deputies and none of those deputies were aware of MEANS presence at Winner or Rosebud on the date of June 6, 1975.

AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

On October 28, 1975, Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] advised that the Federal Government's Jurisdiction on non-trust land within the exterior boundaries of the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation is being challenged in the U.S. District Court of FRED J. NICHOL at this particular time. Judge NICHOL in all those cases in which the locale of the offense is other than on tribe or trust land has directed letters dated October 16, 1975, to all other defendants and their counsel, this includes RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, in which he orders them to reply to the jurisdictional problem by November 15, 1975, and thereafter the U.S. Attorneys have thirty days to present their argument concerning the jurisdictional issue on that reservation. The final reply must be in the U.S. District Court at Sioux Falls by January 1, 1976, and will be orally argued at a date to be set subsequent to that time. He stated that because of the jurisdictional problem, no further action in the way of prosecution within the federal court will be taken until the matter of jurisdiction has been resolved, inasmuch as the offense involving RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS did not occur on trust or tribal land.

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REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 3/3/76	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/5 - 3/1/76
TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [redacted] aka [redacted]		REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY kam
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - ADW; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM	

REFERENCE:

Minneapolis report of SA [redacted] dated 11/28/75.
Minneapolis airtel to the Director, dated 11/4/75.

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Will follow and report the results of final prosecutive action against MEANS in relation to this particular offense.

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CONVIC	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
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Copy to: 1 - UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA
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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Date: March 2, 1976

Field Office File #: MP 70-10082

Bureau File #: 70-65558

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS:
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Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON;
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

Synopsis: [REDACTED] St. Francis, South Dakota, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of Bismarck, North Dakota, additional witnesses
to the offense located and interviewed. Jurisdictional
issue on non-trust land, Standing Rock Sioux Indian
Reservation, not yet resolved by USDC, Sioux Falls.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special
Agent (SA) [REDACTED] at Bismarck, North Dakota:

On January 5, 1976, a review of the Bismarck Credit
Bulletin under Change of Address, revealed that [REDACTED]
moved from Fort Yates, North Dakota, to 1103 West Capital, number
[REDACTED] Bismarck, employed at United Tribes Employment Training Center,
Bismarck.

On January 6, 1976, [REDACTED]
United Tribes Employment Training Center (UTETC), advised that
[REDACTED] is not employed at UTETC.

On January 8, 1976, [REDACTED] Park West
Gardens, Bismarck, advised [REDACTED] resides at Apartment [REDACTED] and
lists employment with UTETC. [REDACTED] stated she was not at home,
but a car she has been using was parked in front of her apartment.
The vehicle was a green Chevrolet Vega, Pennsylvania license [REDACTED]

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On January 9, 1976, the North Dakota State Communications Department, Bismarck, advised that license [redacted] is registered to [redacted] Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On January 12, 1976, an attempt to contact [redacted] at Park West Gardens was negative, but a Ford station wagon bearing Washington, D.C. plates [redacted] was observed in front of the apartment along with the Vega.

On the above date, Captain [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Fort Yates, North Dakota, advised that [redacted] did move from Fort Yates to Bismarck some time ago.

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On the above date, Mrs. [redacted] Probation Officer, Fort Yates, stated her daughter, [redacted] is not at Fort Yates, but lives in St. Francis, South Dakota, with [redacted]

On January 13, 1976, an attempt to locate [redacted] at Park West Gardens was negative.

On January 14, 1976, the switchboard operator at UTETC advised [redacted] is neither a student or employee at UTETC.

On the above date, the North Dakota State Communications Department advised that Washington, D.C. license [redacted] is not currently on file.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription January 29, 1976

[redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the matter to be discussed concerning an incident which took place at a bar outside of Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, on June 6, 1975, and then provided the following information:

[redacted] stated she, along with [redacted] had left Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, where she had been asked to come along to a meeting by [redacted] according to [redacted] was asked to this meeting by another individual.

[redacted] stated that she and [redacted] left this meeting in a separate car while RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] left in another vehicle.

They arrived at the Cattlemen's Corral outside of Mc Laughlin near Mobridge, South Dakota, around midnight on June 6, 1975.

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All of the occupants of both vehicles went into the bar and MEANS and one of the other individuals began playing pool at the bar. [redacted] advised that she remembers another individual in the bar by the name of [redacted] and saw a white male individual at the bar but does not know his name. [redacted] advised she did not see anyone in uniform or resembling a police officer in the bar.

[redacted] advised that she remembers leaving the bar with [redacted] as she did not like the 3-2 beer that was served there. She went out to her car and then [redacted] went back into the bar while she stayed in her vehicle. The other individuals, including RUSSELL, [redacted] and [redacted] remained in the bar as far as she could tell.

While waiting in the car and drinking a beer she heard some commotion in the bar and saw a group crowded around the bar entrance so she could not get into the bar.

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by SA [redacted] arw Date dictated 1/26/76

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According to [] she was waiting for []
to come out of the bar.

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[] advised that [] came out
of the bar and told her that RUSSELL MEANS was in a fight
with someone. [] got in the car and as they were
leaving, according to [] she saw RUSSELL MEANS
and [] and the rest of the individuals that
came with them come out of the bar.

[] stated she was not a witness to any
incident which occurred in the bar as she was outside in
the vehicle.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/5/76

[redacted], Park West Gardens Apartments,
Apartment [redacted] 1110 West Capitol Street, Bismarck, North
Dakota, furnished the following information:

She is currently enrolled at Mary College, Bismarck, North Dakota, in a two year social worker program. She just completed an internship at United Tribes Employment Training Center (UTETC), Bismarck, in alcohol abuse, and will receive her Associate Arts Degree in Social Work in 1977. She is from Fort Yates, North Dakota, where her mother, Mrs. [redacted] is a nurse at the Public Health Service Hospital, and her brother, [redacted] is on the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Force.

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On June 6, 1975, she drove in her car, a green 1972 Chevrolet Vega, with [redacted] from Fort Yates to Mc Laughlin, South Dakota. It was after dark when she arrived and met [redacted] and another girl, whom she does not recall, who stated that they were going to the Cattleman's Bar, in Mc Laughlin. [redacted] drove with [redacted] to the bar in [redacted] car. [redacted] arrived at the bar in another car about the same time as [redacted] and [redacted] RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] were in the bar when she arrived. They had driven to Mc Laughlin in a UTETC car. She knows all four men since having met [redacted] about four years ago at UTETC when her ex-husband, [redacted] was employed at UTETC as a Security Officer. She and [redacted] lived close to [redacted] and through him she met RUSSELL and [redacted] and through RUSSELL she met [redacted]. She denies ever having been a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM), but she was a follower of RUSSELL MEANS from around April, 1975, when she first met him, to July, 1975. She went to several powwows with him, and was friends with the girlfriends of [redacted] and [redacted].

When she entered the bar, RUSSELL MEANS [redacted] and [redacted] were playing pool at one table, and [redacted] and [redacted] were playing pool at the other table. [redacted] and [redacted] sat down on a bench near where [redacted] was playing pool and began talking. When [redacted] finished the game he was playing, he said, "I'll play the best pool player in the place for \$5.00." RUSSELL MEANS accepted

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by SA [redacted] /jmf Date dictated 2/2/76

the challenge, and he and [] began to play. [] a high school friend of [] came into the bar, and asked [] if she wanted to play foosball. They started to play foosball, and [] was facing the wall away from the pool table where MEANS and [] were playing pool. She heard someone say, "There's a fight." The bartender came around the end of the bar with a baseball bat telling everyone to get out of the bar.

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[] and [] left the bar. [] who had been watching the pool game between MEANS and [] left the bar after [] but only a couple of minutes later. [] and [] got into [] car and drove back to Fort Yates. They did not stop anywhere in Mc Laughlin, but came directly back from the Cattleman's Bar to Fort Yates.

[] estimates that she was in the bar about a half hour altogether, on the evening of June 6, 1975. When the fight started, RUSSELL MEANS and [] were in a corner of the bar. Other people were standing around watching the fight. She recalls that both MEANS and [] had pool sticks in their hands. Each had his own stick with both hands like they were jousting. She did not see either MEANS or [] strike the other. Before she drove away from the bar in her car with [] she saw RUSSELL MEANS, [] and [] standing outside of the Cattleman's Bar by the front door.

She recalls that RUSSELL MEANS was wearing a tan vest that had Indian designs on it. She cannot recall what else he was wearing or how his hair was fixed. She cannot recall what [] or [] were wearing at that time.

[] was not traveling with RUSSELL MEANS at the time of the incident at the Cattleman's Bar, and she met him or saw him at the bar only accidentally. She did not talk with him that night, and saw him at the bar for no more than a half an hour. She did not see him anymore that night.

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AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

On March 1, 1976, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that Judge NICHOL has not yet ruled on the jurisdictional issue on the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation concerning those offenses which have occurred on non-trust land. This particular offense involving MEANS and [redacted] occurred on non-trust, or deeded, land, but within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. It is anticipated that Judge NICHOL will rule sometime in March, 1976, on the jurisdictional issue.

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After this has been resolved, a trial date will be set if the court rules the Federal Government has jurisdiction over the offense. If not, the evidence as collected will be made available to the prosecutor for Corson County at Mc Intosh, South Dakota.

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Date: 4/14/76

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 (ATTN: GID; LEGAL COUNSEL)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-9718) (52-4071) (66-930) (70-9718,
 9928, 9990, 9991, 9992, 10082, 10242,
 10640, 10743, 10868, 10998, 143-165)

SUBJECTS:

[REDACTED];
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM;
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM;
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM;
 [REDACTED] VICTIM;

CIR - ADW; CIR - BURGLARY;
 CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM
 CIR - LARCENY; AFO; USE OF FIREARM IN COMMISSION OF FELONY
 OO: MINNEAPOLIS
 BUFILE 89-3126
 MP FILE 70-9718

Re Minneapolis reports, dated 2/26/76 and 4/10/75; and
 Minneapolis letter to the Director, dated 11/3/75.

[REDACTED] VICTIM:
 [REDACTED] nee [REDACTED] - VICTIM

CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM
 OO: MINNEAPOLIS
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 MP FILE 70-65595

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Additional cases were declined by Mr. [REDACTED] on 4/9/76 because they occurred on unallotted land. As indicated above, copies of investigative reports and/or FD-302s in those cases where report has not been prepared will be furnished the local prosecutor.

[REDACTED] aka;
THEFT OF GOVERNMENT; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
CIR - BURGLARY
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 52-10165
MP FILE 52-4071

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Re Minneapolis reports, dated 1/6/76 and 4/7/76.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS:

[REDACTED] aka - [REDACTED]
CIR - ADW; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 70-65558
MP FILE 70-10082

Re Minneapolis reports of SA [REDACTED] dated 6/30/75 and 3/3/76.

[REDACTED]
CIR - BURGLARY; JDA
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 70-10743
MP FILE 70-67119

[REDACTED] VICTIM
CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON; ASSAULT
RESULTING IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 70-65338
MP FILE 70-9990

Re Minneapolis reports, dated 5/21/75 and 7/10/75; and Minneapolis letter to the Bureau, 11/5/75.

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CIR - ADW
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 70-65499
MP FILE 70-9991

Re Minneapolis reports, dated 6/3/75 and
7/2/75; and Minneapolis letter to the Bureau, 11/3/75.

[redacted] aka;

[redacted] aka;
[redacted]

[redacted] - VICTIM;

CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON;
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 70-65499
MP FILE 70-9992

Re Minneapolis teletype, dated 4/13/76.

There are transmitted herewith six Xerox copies of a Memorandum Decision signed 4/8/76, by the Honorable FRED J. NICHOL, Judge, U.S. District Court, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for each of the captioned cases, based on motions filed challenging jurisdiction on unallotted land within the exterior boundaries of the eastern 1/2 of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation within the State of South Dakota. The Court in its decision, stated "It is the holding of this court that the Act of February 14, 1913, c.54 37 Stat. 675, terminated and returned to public domain all unallotted land embraced within the eastern portion of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Plaintiff retained no jurisdiction for the offenses charged and defendants' motions to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction are granted. Counsel for the defendants are directed to prepare appropriate orders."

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AUSA [REDACTED] Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on 4/9/76, informed that the Court on 4/13/76 will be sitting at Aberdeen and at that time orders for dismissal will be signed. The Office of the U.S. Attorney requested a review of other cases currently pending and recommends that copies of FBI investigative reports be made available to the state authorities. Also where necessary, Agent testimony will be made available, UACB this will be done.

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- VICTIM;

CIR - ASSAULT
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
MP FILE 70-10242

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
CIR - ASSAULT
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
MP FILE 70-10640

[REDACTED] aka;
CIR - BURGLARY
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
MP FILE 70-10868

Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated
4/7/76 at Minneapolis.

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

CIR - ASSAULT
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
MP FILE 70-10998

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CLUB 121, aka AMERICAN LEGION CLUB
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As regards the AFO case in 70-9718, Mr. [redacted] informed he will await results of local prosecution before dismissing those charges.

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Other pending cases in the area affected by this decision being reviewed to determine who has jurisdiction.

On 4/13/76, Mr. [redacted] informed the Attorney General's Office for the State of South Dakota is anxious to secure investigative reports and/or physical evidence in those cases being referred and is desirous of having them by 4/19/76.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 4/30/76	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/8/76 - 4/23/76
TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> aka <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>	TYPED BY jmj
CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - ADW; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM			

REFERENCE: Minneapolis report of SA dated 3/3/76.

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R-84 submitted.

In compliance with instructions received from U.S. Attorney's Office, copies of Minneapolis investigative reports dated 6/30/75; 11/28/75 and 3/3/76 were furnished to the South Dakota Attorney General WILLIAM JANKLOW by letter dated 4/16/76. The Minneapolis Division by teletype dated 4/13/76 on a UACB basis, secured Bureau authority to produce the reports and to testify when subpoenaed by local authorities; and additionally, physical evidence will be made available to the local authorities.

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1 - AGENCY SPECIAL OFFICER, FORT YATES, NORTH DAKOTA

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APRIL 30, 1976

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Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 70-65558

Title:

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
[REDACTED]

Character:

CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS
WEAPON; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

Synopsis:

On 4/8/76, USDC, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, ruled no Federal jurisdiction on east half of Standing Rock Indian Reservation on nonallotted or trust land. Indictment returned against MEANS 6/18/75 charging violation of T. 18, USC, 1153 (assault) dismissed 4/12/76 for lack of jurisdiction.

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DETAILS:AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

On April 8, 1976, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED] informed the court had on that date issued a memorandum decision in the case of [REDACTED] ET AL, in which the Federal Government's jurisdiction over the eastern half of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation had been challenged. Judge FRED J. NICHOL, in his memorandum decision of April 8, 1976, in reference to the [REDACTED] case and others, ruled that the act of February 14, 1913, had terminated and returned to public domain all unallotted land embraced within the eastern portion of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. The plaintiff had retained no jurisdiction over the offenses charged and defendant's motions to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction were granted. Counsel for the defendants is directed for preparing of the appropriate orders.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that in view of this memorandum decision he was moving to cause the indictment outstanding against RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS to be dismissed. Mr. [REDACTED]

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stated further that copies of the investigative reports prepared and all physical evidence secured in this case will in all probability be turned over to the Attorney General for the State of South Dakota for his use in pursuing further prosecution of MEANS for this offense.

On April 14, 1976, at Aberdeen, South Dakota, AUSA [redacted] Supra, and an Assistant Attorney General for the State of South Dakota, [redacted] in conference at Aberdeen, agreed that all FBI investigative reports should be directed to the Attorney General for the State of South Dakota WILLIAM JANKLOW as the Attorney General's Office was assuming responsibility for all those cases that were affected by the memorandum decision.

Mr. [redacted] informed that he would make copies of the indictment dismissal available at a later date.

By letter dated April 23, 1976. Mr. [redacted] enclosed a copy of the motion letter to dismiss the indictment outstanding against RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS which was signed April 12, 1976, by U.S. District Judge FRED J. NICHOL.

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392 Federal Building U.S. Court House
110 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401
November 1, 1974

Honorable William F. Clayton
United States Attorney
Federal Building
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57102

Attention: AUSA [redacted]

Re: [redacted] - RUSSELL MEANS-
[redacted] - VICTIM; TED MEANS - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION-
ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON

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Dear Sir:

This is to confirm a conversation held between
Mr. Haring of your office and Special Agent [redacted]
of this office on October 19, 1974.

Special Agent [redacted] advised Mr. [redacted] that on
October 19, 1974, he received a call from [redacted]
Agency Special Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA),
Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, who
advised that during the early morning hours of October 19,
1974, the victims in this case went to [redacted] residence
at Eagle Butte, South Dakota, attempting to purchase two
cases of beer. Mr. [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that
[redacted] wanted \$24 for these cases, however, the victims
in the case wanted to pay less. [redacted] advised Special Agent
[redacted] that the three of the victims had been drinking,
however, they were not drunk. Mr. [redacted] also advised that
the wife of [redacted] requested that the three victims
leave at which time [redacted] went to another room and
came back with a gun and fired three shots into the ceiling
over the head of the victims. Mr. [redacted] advised that the
ceilings in the residence were nine foot ceilings.

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Honorable William F. Clayton

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Mr. [] further advised that there were no injuries involved.

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Mr. [] advised that he would decline prosecution in this matter in view of the fact that the facts in this matter as known indicate a simple assault and he would decline in favor of tribal prosecution.

In view of the above opinion, no further action is being taken by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph H. Trimbach
Special Agent in Charge

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TO ALL SACS

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR 3P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA DENNIS J. BANKS - FUG; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AKA RUSSELL C. MEANS - FUG; CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION, ANTI-RIOT LAWS, CRIMES ABOARD AIRCRAFT MATTER.

ACCORDING TO A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS GIVEN RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, SUBJECTS BANKS AND MEANS, TWO OF THE MAJOR LEADERS OF AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) AT WOUNDED KNEE, HAVE DEPARTED PINE RIDGE RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA, VIA HORSEBACK EN ROUTE TO ROSEBUD RESERVATION AND THEN REPORTEDLY PLAN TO GO TO CUBA. SUBJECTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE DEPARTED WOUNDED KNEE 3-26-73, IN POSSESSION OF APPROXIMATELY \$6,000 OBTAINED EARLIER IN A POST OFFICE BURGLARY. IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION THAT SUBJECTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE HEADING FOR CUBA, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATING THEY PLAN TO HIJACK AN AIRCRAFT, THIS IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. WITH EMPHASIS UPON MIDWESTERN AREA OF UNITED

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*SAIA, SAPD Airport
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phone info. 3/27/73. J.H.H.*

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STATES, RECEIVING OFFICES ARE TO ALERT APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL THROUGH YOUR AIRPORT LIAISON CONTACTS REGARDING SUBJECTS. APPROPRIATE OFFICES ALERT CANADIAN AND MEXICAN BORDER AUTHORITIES.

FAA HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIJACKING BY SUBJECTS. AIRPORTS BEING ADVISED BY FAA.

SUBJECTS ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AMERICAN INDIAN; SEX MALE; HEIGHT 71 INCHES; WEIGHT 160 POUNDS; HAIR BLACK; EYES BROWN; DOB 4-12-37, AT FEDERAL DAM, MINNESOTA; SCARS AND MARKS, TATTOOS, DAGGER RIGHT FOREARM, "JAPAN" 54-57 RIGHT UPPER ARM, ROSE BANNER W/502-28-0630 LEFT FOREARM, ACE OF SPADES LEFT UPPER ARM, 4 INCH CUT SCAR LEFT SHIN; ADDRESS 2743 FIRST AVENUE SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, IN 1971; FBI NUMBER 118417D.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AMERICAN INDIAN; SEX MALE; HEIGHT 73 1/2 INCHES; WEIGHT 185 POUNDS; HAIR BLACK (WORN IN PIGTAILS); EYES BROWN; DOB 11/10/39, AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA; SCARS AND MARKS, CUT SCAR ON FOREHEAD, (AS OF 3/26/73, HE REPORTEDLY HAD A BLACK EYE AND WAS LIMPING); ADDRESS, C/O GENERAL DELIVERY PORCUPINE, SOUTH DAKOTA IN 1973; FBI NUMBER 377277C.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE IS FORWARDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF BOTH SUBJECTS TO ALL OFFICES TODAY.

BOTH SUBJECTS BANKS AND MEANS WERE CHARGED IN FEDERAL COMPLAINTS AUTHORIZED BY AUSA R. D. HURD AND FILED BY SA DONALD G. WILEY BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE JAMES H. WILSON ON 3-10-73, AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 231 (SMALL A) (3), U.S. CODE, AND BOND RECOMMENDED AT \$50,000 EACH.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-⁶¹²³NEW) (P) DATE: 3/28/73

FROM : SA CLAY ZACHRY, JR.

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS, aka
Dennis J. Banks -
FUGITIVE;
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka
Russell C. Means -
FUGITIVE
CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION,
ANTI-RIOT LAWS,
CRIMES ABOARD AIRCRAFT MATTER

ReButel to all SACs 3/27/73; and telcal to writer
from [redacted] evening of 3/27/73.

The only two commercial airports in Cameron County
are at Brownsville and Harlingen, Texas. Braniff Airways
is the only line serving Brownsville; and Texas International
Airways is the only one serving Harlingen.

Information contained in retel furnished the evening
of 3/27/73 by the writer to [redacted] with Braniff in
Brownsville.

The morning of 3/28/73, information in reButel
furnished by SA [redacted] to [redacted], Ticket
Agent, Texas International Airways, Harlingen, Texas.

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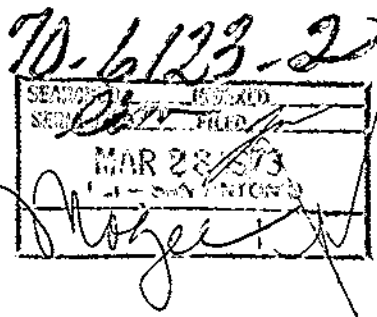
The morning of 3/28/73, information furnished to
[redacted] Immigration
and Naturalization Service (INS). It should be noted that
this notification has no practical value as no border service
or agency has any jurisdiction or interest in persons leaving
the U.S. to enter Mexico. Therefore, no effective stops
can be placed at border with any agency.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Date 3/28/73

To:

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Att.: San Antonio

Title DENNIS JAMES BANKS;

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

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Photographs of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS furnished all offices by MP FD-432, 3/26/73 (Extremist Photograph Album); and, photographs of DENNIS JAMES BANKS furnished all offices by MP FD-432, 3/28/73.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. (AP) — Negotiations that looked hopeful for ending the siege at Wounded Knee apparently fell flat Wednesday amid a government claim of a power struggle among the occupying Indians and their attorney's statement that the report was a fabrication.

Meanwhile, Aaron DeSersa, an American Indian Movement member, said Marlon Brando was on his way here. Brando turned down a Motion Picture Academy award for best actor Tuesday to protest the treatment of Indians in motion pictures.

There were two negotiating sessions scheduled, but at the first in Rapid City AIM attorney Ramon Roubideaux told newsmen that it would not be a meeting to negotiate, but simply a meeting to inform the government of the occupation force's demands.

There was no indication of any new demands.

The second negotiating session, scheduled for just outside of Wounded Knee, was postponed for what a civil rights leader said would be "a few days."

Kent Frizzell, assistant U.S. attorney general, said earlier that he had learned that a civil rights group within the village claimed the leadership role, but had it taken away at gunpoint by the militant American Indian Movement.

Roubideaux said the report was false, that he had received word from the village early Wednesday there was no confrontation. "There was no confrontation last night," said the attorney. "It simply is not true."

"There'll be no negotiating session this afternoon," he said. "I received a message from Dennis Banks that no negotiating sessions will be held outside Wounded Knee. We think it's the government's move. I'm representing AIM and the civil rights group and we are insisting that the federal court order issued Sunday be upheld and that we be allowed to enter Wounded Knee."

Marvin Franklin, assistant secretary of Interior in charge of Indian affairs, said that as far as he knew the civil rights group was in control of the village, that AIM had been ousted from leadership roles.

Frizzell said he had learned from a reliable source inside the village that AIM leaders Dennis Banks and Russell Means, who had left Wounded Knee Monday night, returned Tuesday evening and challenged the civil rights organization's claim to power.

"It began as a heated discussion and then they pointed guns at each other," Frizzell said. "Then, the AIM guards came down from the bunkers and joined with Banks and Means and they were back in firm control."

The government spokesman said Leonard Crow Dog, spiritual leader for the occupation force, had sent word out of the village that he wants to lead about 100 persons from Wounded Knee. "That," said Frizzell, "would leave only about 50 or 60 in the village. Those remaining might want to create a confrontation."

"We don't want to move in. We would prefer to be the peacemakers, rather than the aggressors."

DeSersa, a reservation newspaper editor who asked for a negotiating session with the government on behalf of the civil rights group, said from Rapid City that he knew of no such power struggle, but that he had not been in

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contact with village occupants since Tuesday afternoon.

DeSersa said he had talked with Frizzell and with Franklin, of the Interior, about a list of five demands and that they had agreed verbally on principles of four. "The hangup is on the legal and arrest provision," DeSersa said. "We are asking for complete amnesty for one of our people and for a guarantee there will be no arrests whatsoever on the Pine Ridge Reservation."

DeSersa said his group is asking amnesty for Pedro Bissonette, vice president of the civil rights group. Bissonette, along with Banks, Means and two other AIM leaders, Carter Camp of Ponca City, Okla., and Clyde Bellecourt, Minneapolis, have already been charged with felonies in the takeover of the village.

Roubideaux's access to Wounded Knee has been blocked by Indians allied with Oglala Sioux Tribal Council President Richard Wilson. Wilson allies have roadblocks outside the federal blockades and are permitting only marshals and FBI agents through



Pass Through Site
At Wounded Knee

A car carrying New York lawyer and other members of the Defense-Offense group for through a roadblock set up

country and Central Texas, brought heavy rains and hail to parts of the state Wednesday.

Flood and severe storm warnings were issued in half a dozen counties to the northwest of San Antonio and the northeast of Del Rio.

The northern part of Edwards County had two hours of heavy showers and people near the headwaters of the South Llano, Nueces and West Nueces rivers were alerted for flash flooding.

Kimble County had more than two to three inches of rain, and hail measuring half an inch fell in Stonewall County. One severe storm raged 15 miles west of Kerrville, bringing rain and hail.

By noon the shower area was over Southeast Texas, extending northward from the coast south of Galveston through the Houston area to College Station. There were showers in South and Central Texas, too.

Most of the bad weather lay

Houston
Lubbock
Lufkin
San Angelo
Waco
SOUTH
Denver
Las Vegas

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Spring thunderstorms
the Mississippi River
out of its banks
threatening to
flood farmland
Missouri and South

In the South
spread through
Rockies.

Heavy snow
posted for Wednesday
and Thursday
Colorado, Idaho,
Arizona and Utah
Rain or snow
Pacific coast
vada.

Showers and
along the Gulf

NR029 WA PLAIN

500PM URGENT 4/10/73 MBT

TO ALL SACS

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR 1P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA, FUGITIVE; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS,
AKA, CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION; ANTI-RIOT LAWS; CRIME ABOARD
AIRCRAFT MATTER.

REBUTEL 3/27/73.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS SURRENDERED TO U.S. MARSHALS
VICINITY WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA 4/5/73 AND IS CURRENTLY
FREE ON BOND. SUBJECT DENNIS JAMES BANKS REMAINS IN FUGITIVE
STATUS PER INFO IN RETEL.

EVEN THOUGH BANKS AND MEANS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE POTENTIAL
AIRCRAFT HIJACKERS RECEIVING OFFICES INSURE APPROPRIATE AIRPORT
LIAISON CONTACTS ARE AWARE OF FACT THAT MEANS IS NO LONGER A
FEDERAL FUGITIVE. THE BUREAU IS HOWEVER STILL INTERESTED IN
THE MOVEMENTS OF BOTH SUBJECTS AND THE APPREHENSION OF BANKS.
FAA HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C., HAS BEEN ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123) *me* (2)

DATE: 5/31/73

FROM : SA JAMES EDWIN MA GEE

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS, aka. -
FUGITIVE;
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka.
CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION,
ANTI-RIOT LAWS, CAA MATTER

Re Bureau teletypes dated 3/27 and 4/10/73.

It should be noted that captioned subjects have been arrested and that the Wounded Knee incident has dissipated. Previously set leads for airport in San Antonio Division have been handled.

In view of the fact all logical investigation in the San Antonio Division is complete, it is recommended this matter be ~~closed~~ administratively.

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7:47 PM URGENT 06-26-73 MRF

TO ALL SACS

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR (70-58411) 1P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA - FUGITIVE, CIR - BURGLARY,
ET AL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 4-10-73.

DISCONTINUE FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION ONLY AND REMOVE
ALL STOPS AS SUBJECT SURRENDERED TO FBI AND U. S. MARSHAL,
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, 6-25-73.

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SA FBI CLR DBS

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Date: 9/26/73

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS - FUGITIVE
UFAP - ASSAULT; ARSON; BURGLARY;
RIOT; CONSPIRACY

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Minneapolis Tel Call to the Bureau 9/26/73
and Minneapolis Teletype to the Bureau 9/25/73.

On 9/25/73, Federal warrant was issued for subject in Rapid City, South Dakota. The complaint charging BANKS with Title 18, Section 1073, was filed before U. S. Magistrate JAMES H. WILSON, Rapid City, South Dakota by SA BRUCE G. ERICKSON. USA WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, recommended bond at \$5000 Surety.

This UFAP charge is based on indictments returned by the Custer County, South Dakota Grand Jury on 8/30/73 charging BANKS with assault, arson, burglary, riot and conspiracy; all of which allegedly occurred at Custer, South Dakota on or about 2/6/73.

BANKS is currently under federal indictment and free on \$105,000 bond in connection with the Wounded Knee, South Dakota takeover.

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2 - Minneapolis
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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MP 88-6431

BANKS is described as:

Sex	Male
Race	Indian
Date of Birth	April 12, 1937
Place of Birth	Federal Dam, Minnesota
Height	5'11"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black, shoulder length
FBI#	118 417 D
Scars and Marks -	"Japan 54-57" - right upper arm
Tattoos	Dagger - right forearm
	"502-28-0630" and Spade - left arm
Fingerprint	5 M 5 U IOI 14
Classification	I 17 U 100 10

All offices conduct appropriate investigation and contact logical sources to determine BANKS' whereabouts.

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NR045 WA PLAIN

4:38PM NITEL 10/10/73 RXH

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR IP

70-6123*
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DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA - UFAP - BURGLARY; ARSON;
ASSAULT; RIOT - CONSPIRACY, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL DATED 9/26/73.

DISCONTINUE FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION RE BANKS.

BANKS SURRENDERED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES RAPID CITY,
SOUTH DAKOTA, 10/9/73. ✓

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9:52 PM URGENT MARCH 13, 1974 DCW

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

70-6123*

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR- BURGLARY, ET AL.

WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

TODAY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS INFORMED UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FRED J. NICHOL IN HIS CHAMBERS THEY WERE PREPARING A MOTION FOR THE DISMISSAL OF CAPTIONED CASE ON THE GROUNDS OF ILLEGAL WIRETAP. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ALLEGE THAT UNITED STATES MARSHAL [REDACTED] WHILE ASSIGNED TO WOUNDED KNEE CASE AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, CONTACTED [REDACTED] (PH), BISON STATE TELEPHONE, PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE WANTED A TELEPHONE EXTENSION, REFERRED TO BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AS "BUG" PLACED ON TELEPHONE LINE LEADING OUT OF WOUNDED KNEE FOR TELEPHONE IN WOUNDED KNEE TRADING POST. THIS WAS THE ONLY TELEPHONE LINE OPERATIVE OUT OF WOUNDED KNEE DURING THE OCCUPATION. DEFENSE ALLEGES THAT THIS EXTENSION TELEPHONE WAS MONITORED BY FBI AGENTS DURING ENTIRE OCCUPATION WHICH WOULD BE A WIRETAP VIOLATION. JUDGE NICHOL STATED HE WANTS THIS MATTER EXPLORED IN DETAIL AND THAT APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BE CONTACTED. IT SHOULD BE

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NOTED THAT FOLLOWING SACS WERE AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA,
DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME IN QUESTION:

SAC HERBERT HOXIE, MILWAUKEE DIVISION; SAC ROBERT EVANS,
BUTTE DIVISION; SAC ROY K. MOORE, JACKSONVILLE DIVISION; SAC
RICHARD G. HELD, CHICAGO DIVISION; SAC WILBUR DE BRULER,
OKLAHOMA CITY DIV.; VERN S. LOETTERLE, LAS VEGAS DIV. IN
ADDITION, ALL SPECIAL AGENTS WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO WOUNDED KNEE
SPECIAL AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, SHOULD BE POLLED AND ASKED:
(1) IF THEY SERVED ON ROADBLOCK ONE ; (2) IF THEY DID SERVE ON
ROADBLOCK ONE THEY SHOULD BE ASKED IF THEY WERE AWARE OF PARTY
LINE TELEPHONE AT THE ROADBLOCK; (3) AND IF THEY EVER UTILIZED
THIS TELEPHONE AND IF SO FOR WHAT PURPOSE; (4) IF THEY EVER HEARD
OR INTERCEPTED CONVERSATION ON THIS TELEPHONE. IF SO, FURNISH
COMPLETE DETAILS. SHOULD BE NOTED BY SAS THAT INTERCEPT COULD BE
GROUNDS FOR MOTION OF DISMISSAL.

ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO SUTEL RESULTS TO MINNEAPOLIS
DIVISION WITHIN 24 HOURS.

SACS, MILWAUKEE, BUTTE, LAS VEGAS, OKLAHOMA CITY, JACKSONVILLE
AND CHICAGO REQUESTED TO ADVISE OF POSITIVE RECOLLECTION
CONCERNING THIS TELEPHONE.

WASHINGTON FIELD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW U.S. MARSHAL

AND DIRECTOR USM SERVICE WAYNE COLBURN.

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Date: 3/14/74

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via NITEL
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (70-58411) *800 GHS*SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431) *1040 AGL*

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123) (RUC)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR-BURGLARY,
ET AL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE MARCH 13, 1974.

SAN ANTONIO HAD NO SPECIAL AGENT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED WOUNDED
KNEE SPECIAL; HOWEVER, RADIO MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
 OF THIS DIVISION WAS ASSIGNED FROM APRIL 19, 1973 TO
MAY 14, 1973.

ALTHOUGH RMT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THIS
TIME AT ROADBLOCK NO. 1, HIS DUTIES WERE RADIO RELATED AND HE
STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH TELEPHONE.
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2:10 PM IMMEDIATE 3/21/74 KAC

TO ALL SACS EXCEPT ANCHORAGE AND HONOLULU
FROM DIRECTOR 2P

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIA - BURGLARY - ET AL.
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

ON MARCH 21, 1974, AUSA RICHARD D. HURD ADVISED IT WAS NECESSARY
TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING TELEPHONE INSTALLATION AT
ROADBLOCK ONE, OUTSIDE OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, DURING THE
OCCUPATION, WHICH LASTED FEBRUARY 27 - MAY 8, 1973.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES IMMEDIATELY POLL AGENTS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED
YOUR OFFICE TO (1) DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF AGENTS IN YOUR OFFICE
WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO WOUNDED KNEE DURING THE OCCUPATION FEBRUARY 27 -
MAY 8, 1973. (2) THE NUMBER OF AGENTS WHO SERVED ON ROADBLOCK ONE
(3) THE NUMBER OF AGENTS WHO KNEW OF TELEPHONE INSTALLATION (4)
NUMBER OF AGENTS WHO USED THE TELEPHONE FOR ANY PURPOSE. IF POSITIVE,
GIVE PARTICULARS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONTACT ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES AND SAN JUAN.
SUTEL MINNEAPOLIS BY 1:30 PM CDT, THIS DATE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: FOR INFORMATION, TELETYPES SENT IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE COURT AND THE DEFENSE. THIS WILL NOT THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED AN INTERNAL DOCUMENT. SUBMIT IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO COURT, ANY ADMINISTRATIVE DATA SHOULD BE ON SEPARATE LAST PAGE.

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Date: 3/21/74

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (70-58411) *22 STG*
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431) *7-7 SHH*
FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123) (RUC)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR - BURGLARY -
ET AL. WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, MARCH 21, 1974.

SAN ANTONIO HAD NO SPECIAL AGENT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED WOUNDED
KNEE SPECIAL; HOWEVER, RADIO MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
 OF THIS DIVISION WAS ASSIGNED FROM APRIL 19, 1973 TO
MAY 14, 1973.

ALTHOUGH RMT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THIS
TIME AT ROADBLOCK NO. 1, HIS DUTIES WERE RADIO-RELATED AND HE
STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH TELEPHONE.
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Approved: *CDH*

Special Agent in Charge

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Per *9:5*

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SENT 12:30AM 3-23-74

PM IMMEDIATE 3-22-74 FLC

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 3P

157-1540
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DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIA - BURGLARY, ETC.

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SAC, MINNEAPOLIS BY TELETYPE

MARCH 22, 1974:

"RE BUREAU TELCALL FROM SECTION CHIEF RICHARD BATES, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, TO SAC, MINNEAPOLIS, THIS DATE.

BY COURT ORDER DATED MARCH 21, 1974, IN INSTANT CASE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FRED J. NICHOL AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, INSTRUCTED IN PART THAT "AUSA W. D. RORD PERSONALLY EXAMINE THE FILES OF THE FBI INVOLVING INFORMER CONTACTS RELATIVE TO THE WOUNDED KNEE INCIDENT".

REFERENCED BUREAU TELCALL INSTRUCTED MINNEAPOLIS TO SUBMIT INSTANT TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT UPON RECEIPT OF THIS TELETYPE SATURDAY MARCH 23, 1974, A.M., WHEN OFFICE OPENS, ALL INFORMANTS FILES OF ANY TYPE, CRIMINAL, SECURITY, OR EXTREMIST, BE REVIEWED BY RECEIVING OFFICES FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING WOUNDED KNEE.

IF SUCH INFORMATION IS LOCATED, THEN THE ENTIRE VOLUME
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CONTAINING THAT INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MINNEAPOLIS BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED. IF INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN MORE THAN ONE VOLUME, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THREE SEPARATE VOLUMES, THEN ALL THREE VOLUMES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY. DO NOT SEND JUST THE PERTINENT SERIALS. SEND THE ENTIRE FILE INCLUDING FILE COVER (FD-245) AND BACK. IF, IN SECURITY TYPE INFORMANTS, THE ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUME COVERING THE TIME PERIOD OF THE SUBSTANTIVE FILE MUST BE ALSO SENT. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE SUBSTANTIVE FILE REFLECTS INFORMATION IN FEBRUARY AND AUGUST, 1973, THE ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUMES INCLUDING THAT PERIOD OF TIME MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED.

WHEN THE FILES ARE TRANSMITTED TO MINNEAPOLIS, THEY MUST HAVE A COVER COMMUNICATION ON TOP OF EACH VOLUME INDICATING WHAT SERIALS IN THE VOLUME ARE THE PERTINENT ONES.

ANY OFFICES HAVING NO SUCH INFORMATION IN THEIR INFORMANT FILES SHOULD SUTEL TO MINNEAPOLIS THAT THEIR FILES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND ARE NEGATIVE.

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IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED TO ALL OFFICES THAT THE DECISION AS TO THE EXTENT AUSA WARD CAN REVIEW THESE FILES IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY FBI HEADQUARTERS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN REGARD TO INSTANT PROJECT SHOULD BE SENT ATTENTION SUPERVISOR STRAMMAN."

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218 PM IMMEDIATE 03-23-74 MRF

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR -
BURGLARY, ETC.

REBUTEL MARCH 22, 1974.

PRIOR TO SHIPMENT OF INFORMANT FILES, IDENTITY OF
PERSON WHO IS INFORMANT SHOULD BE REMOVED.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (70-58411) *4/20 P FLC*SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431) *4/30 P ~~FLC~~ DSC*

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR - BURGLARY,
ETC.

RE BUREAU TELETYPES MARCH 22 AND MARCH 23, 1974.

BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY REGISTERED
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, SAN ANTONIO IS FORWARDING FILE

BUFILE AND THE RELATED FILE TO
MINNEAPOLIS. OF SAN ANTONIO FILE IS AN

AIRTEL DATED MAY 4, 1973 CAPTIONED WOUNDED KNEE, DIRECTED TO
DIRECTOR, FBI, MINNEAPOLIS, DENVER, DALLAS, AND OKLAHOMA CITY
AND RELATES TO A MEETING OF THE NEW AMERICAN MOVEMENT (NAM) ON
NIGHT OF MAY 3, 1973 WHERE MICHAEL STEPHEN HANEY, AMERICAN
INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS PRESENT AND SPOKE REGARDING K-47 RIFLES
TO PAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, FROM WHERE THEY WERE TO BE TRANSPORTED TO
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Approved: *COAKER*

Special Agent in Charge

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WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND IN GENERAL REFERENCES TO BREAKING INTO ARMORIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING RIFLES AND AMMUNITION. ALSO THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO OBTAIN GAS MASKS BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL USE GAS CANNISTERS ON THEM ON MAY 5, 1973, ETC.

A REVIEW OF INFORMANT FILES, CRIMINAL, SECURITY AND EXTREMIST, DISCLOSED ONLY THE ABOVE REFERENCE TO WOUNDED KNEE AND/OR THE SUBJECTS.

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431)
ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR STRAWMAN

DATE: 3/25/74

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS;
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR - BURGLARY

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

ReButels, 3/22/74 and 3/23/74, relating to review of all informant files of all types, criminal, security, and extremist, by receiving offices for any information concerning Wounded Knee.

Enclosed are San Antonio files [redacted] and [redacted] Serials identifying the informant have been removed from [redacted] and are in a sealed envelope attached to file [redacted]

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The pertinent serial is [redacted] of San Antonio file [redacted] and is an airtel dated 5/4/73 to the Bureau, Minneapolis, Denver, Dallas, Oklahoma City, relating to a meeting on the night of 5/3/73 in Austin, Texas. Minneapolis is in possession of this communication.

The remainder of our informant files of all types are negative concerning any references to Wounded Knee and/or the subjects in this matter.

2-Minneapolis (Enc. 2) (AMSD) (REG. RRR)

3-San Antonio

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NR006 WA PLAIN 5:45AM 4-74 LNG

P 4 NITEL APRIL 3, 1974 DSC SENT 3:20 AM 4/4/74 RG

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	INDIANAPOLIS	KANSAS CITY	KNOXVILLE
	MEMPHIS	MIAMI	NEW YORK
	OKLAHOMA CITY	PHILADELPHIA	PHOENIX
	PITTSBURGH	SAN ANTONIO	SAN DIEGO
	SEATTLE	SPRINGFIELD	

////////////////// ALL OFFICES VIA WASHINGTON ////////////////////

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 66-3541 P ONE PAGE

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ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT FILES RE DENNIS JAMES BANKS;
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR - BURGLARY, ETC.

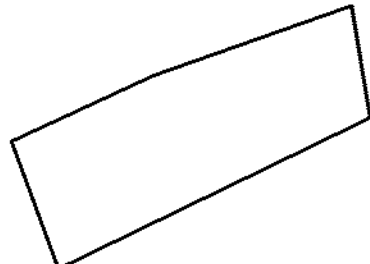
RE BUTEL TO ALL SACS MARCH 22, 1974, CAPTIONED "DENNIS JAMES
BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR - BURGLARY, ETC".

RETEL INSTRUCTED ALL OFFICES TO FORWARD INFORMANT FILES CONTAINING
INFORMATION ABOUT WOUNDED KNEE TO MP FOR REVIEW BY THE AUSA.

THE REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND NO IDENTITIES OF INFORMANTS
WERE REQUESTED BY THE AUSA.

OFFICES TO WHOM COPIES OF THIS COMMUNICATION ARE DIRECTED,
SUBMITTED THEIR FILES BY MAIL. MINNEAPOLIS WILL PROMPTLY START
RETURNING THESE FILES BY AIRMAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY, REGISTERED MAIL, b7D
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, PERSONAL ATTENTION: CHIEF CLERK.

END



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CC J. Smith

FBI

Date: 4/25/74

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6861) (P)

SUBJECT: aka;
ET AL
CIR - BURGLARY, LARCENY

WOUNDED KNEE NON-LEADERSHIP TRIALS,
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA
(OO: MINNEAPOLIS)

Re Minneapolis teletype to all Continental Offices dated 3/21/74 captioned "RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR - BURGLARY, ETC.; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA".

Enclosed herewith are two xeroxed copies each of Minneapolis letter to the Laboratory dated 3/19/73 and Bureau letter to Minneapolis dated 4/12/73, both captioned ' aka; ET AL; CIR - BURGLARY; LARCENY'.

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2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 4)	2 - Omaha (Enc. 4)
2 - Cleveland (Enc. 4)	2 - Philadelphia (Enc. 4)
2 - Dallas (Enc. 4)	2 - Pittsburgh (Enc. 4)
2 - Denver (Enc. 4)	2 - Portland (Enc. 4)
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Approved: H. Lee
Special Agent in Charge

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MP 70-6861

The [redacted] case is being prepared for trial and Minneapolis is unable to locate the enclosures described in enclosed Bureau letter of 4/12/73.

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All personnel of the offices receiving this airtel who were assigned to the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Command Post from the period after 4/12/73 should be contacted to determine if they have any recollection of seeing the instamatic cartridges, the negatives, or the developed prints described in the Bureau letter. The Minneapolis Office has no idea as to the subject matter of these photographs.

Reference is made to the teletype on the MEANS case to assist all offices in determining who should be contacted regarding this matter as this was done in connection with that teletype.

Any positive information should be communicated immediately to Minneapolis by teletype. Negative replies are not necessary.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Minneapolis (70-6832)

DATE: April 12, 1973

FROM : ✓ Director, FBI (Acting)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka;

ET AL

CIR - BURGLARY: LARCENY

OO: Minneapolis

See 70-6832-1536

Reference is made to your communication dated 3/19/73 transmitting
☐ negative(s) ☒ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

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b7cIn accordance with your request ☒ film has been developed☒ enlargement(s) made☐ positive copy made☐ print(s) made☐ slide(s) made☐ negative(s) made☐ Photostats madeThe above is ☒ attached☐ being sent under separate cover, via ☐ registered mail☐ REA Express

One roll of Kodachrome film was processed and found to be blank.
Prints were not made of the roll of 110 Ektachrome film as this is
positive film not negative. If prints are necessary, return the
Ektachrome film as prints could be made.

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ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: FBI LABORATORY

March 19, 1973

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832)

[redacted] aka;

ET AL.

CIR - BURGLARY: LARCENY

OO: Minneapolis

Enclosed for the Laboratory are eight film packs which were found in an International Travell-All bearing 1973 Washington plates MBB416. This vehicle was occupied by TONI ACKERMAN and two other females who were arrested February 27, 1973, as they were leaving Wounded Knee, South Dakota. Also found in the vehicle were firearms, ammunition, and merchandise which may have been taken from the Wounded Knee Trading Post, Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

The Laboratory is requested to develop and print enclosed film and to assure that film marked Pine Ridge and Rapid, Pine Ridge and Rapid City, remain with prints as Minneapolis at this point does not know significance of these notations on film packs.

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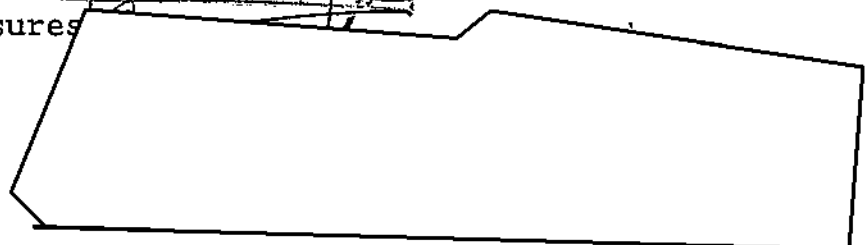
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8:12PM URGENT 5-7-74 DLM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 3P

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR - BURGLARY, ET AL,
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

THIS PERTAINS TO THE PROSECUTION OF THE LEADERSHIP AND
NON-LEADERSHIP TRIALS INVOLVING THE ARMED OCCUPATION OF
WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, BY MILITANT MEMBERS OF AIM FROM
FEBRUARY 27 - MAY 3, 1973.

THE SAC, MINNEAPOLIS, WAS ADVISED USDC FRED J. NICHOL,
SOUTH DAKOTA, STATED IN USDC, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, IN THE
LEADERSHIP TRIAL OF RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS AND DENNIS JAMES
BANKS THAT HE IS REQUIRING THE FBI TO TURN OVER TO THE DEFENSE
ALL FD302S PERTAINING TO A POTENTIAL WITNESS' TESTIMONY AT
LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE WITNESS IS CALLED TO TESTIFY. THIS
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WOULD INCLUDE ALL FD-302S MENTIONING POSSIBLE TESTIMONY OF THIS WITNESS WHICH CONTAINED DATA REGARDING EVENTS AT WOUNDED KNEE REGARDLESS OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE FD302S. THESE FD-302S WOULD PERTAIN TO ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE POSSIBLE WITNESS RELATING TO EVENTS BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THE OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE. THE BUREAU REALIZES IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS TIME WHETHER OR NOT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BECOME A POTENTIAL WITNESS IN ANY OF THE WOUNDED KNEE RELATED CASES.

SO THAT THE FBI CAN FULLY COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF US DJ NICHOL, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ALL OFFICES HAVING SUCH FD-302S TO FURNISH ALL OF THE ORIGINALS OF THESE FD-302S RELATING TO WOUNDED KNEE CASES TO THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE WHERE THE ORIGINAL FD-302S WILL BE MAINTAINED TOGETHER AND INDEXED FOR ANY RETRIEVAL.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD REVIEW THEIR WOUNDED KNEE RELATED FILES IN ALL CLASSIFICATIONS (EXCEPT INFORMANT FILES) FOR ANY AND ALL OF THE ORIGINAL FD-302S RELATING TO WOUNDED KNEE. THIS REVIEW SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A CHECK OF THE 1-A SECTIONS OF THE FILES; AND IN THE EVENT PHOTO DISPLAYS OR SIGNED STATEMENTS ARE INCLUDED THEREIN, THE ORIGINALS OF THE PHOTO DISPLAYS AND SIGNED STATEMENTS SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE PERTINENT

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ORIGINAL FD-302. THE PHOTO DISPLAYS AND SIGNED STATEMENTS CAN BE XEROXED AND MAINTAINED IN THE FILE OF THE FURNISHING OFFICE WITH APPROPRIATE NOTATIONS MADE THEREON. ALL DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO MINNEAPOLIS SHOULD BE SENT VIA AIRMAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, AND THIS REVIEW SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY COB MAY 10, 1974.

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Date: MAY 8, 1974

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TO: DIRECTOR *6:28/ KLQ*
MINNEAPOLIS *7:34/ DCW*
FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123) (RUC)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR - BURGLARY, ET AL,
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

REVIEW OF CAPTIONED FILE REFLECTS NEGATIVELY REGARDING ANY
FD-302.

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Special Agent in Charge

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7:35PM URGENT JUNE 24, 1975 AGL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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SACRAMENTO

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS 70-6869

LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP; CIR - ADW; WOUNDED
KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

ON JUNE 24, 1975, BIA OFFICIALS, ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND
MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA, POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS STATED 18 CARS
LEFT MISSION IN A CARAVAN ON JUNE 22, 1975, EN ROUTE TO CEDAR
RAPIDS, IOWA. AT LAKE ANDES, SOUTH DAKOTA, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS
OBSERVED ONLY 12 CARS IN THIS CARAVAN.

THE FOLLOWING LICENSE NUMBERS WERE RECORDED BY ABOVE OFFICIALS
WHILE CARS LOADING FOR TRAVEL AT MISSION:

TEXAS LICENSES :

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CALIFORNIA LICENSE:

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NEW MEXICO LICENSE:

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THE FOLLOWING NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA LICENSES WERE OBTAINED
AND RESULT OF CHECK WITH MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAUS IN THESE STATES FOR THE

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RESPECTIVE LICENSES ARE SET FORTH AFTER EACH LICENSE NUMBER:

NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE [REDACTED] (PLATE NOT ISSUED TO DATE);

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NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE [REDACTED] LISTED TO 1965 PONTIAC OWNED BY

[REDACTED] ROAD, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA. NCIC
NEGATIVE RE NAME AND VIN. MINNEAPOLIS INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION
IDENTIFIABLE WITH A [REDACTED]

NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE [REDACTED] LISTED FOR 1973 VOLKSWAGEN OWNED BY

[REDACTED] NEWTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA. NCIC NEGATIVE RE
VIN AND OWNER AND MINNEAPOLIS INDICES NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED]

SOUTH DAKOTA LICENSE [REDACTED] (NOT ON FILE AT MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU);

NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE [REDACTED] LISTED TO A 1972 FORD OWNED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EAGLE BUTTE, SOUTH DAKOTA. MINNEAPOLIS INDICES NEGATIVE
RE [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE 23, 1975.

RECEIVING OFFICES REQUESTED TO DETERMINE REGISTRATION TO LICENSE
NUMBERS THEIR DIVISION, CHECK INDICES RE REGISTERED OWNERS AND ADVISE
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RE TEL REQUESTED RECEIVING OFFICES TO SUTEL RESULTS OF INVESTI-
GATION IMMEDIATELY, AS MEETING OF ALL LOCAL AND STATE LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IS TO BE HELD 8AM JUNE 25, 1975, RE DEMONSTRATION

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PLANNED BY AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS AT CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, ON OR ABOUT JUNE 27, 1975, IN CONNECTION WITH FORTH-COMING SENTENCING OF SUBJECTS IN USDC THERE.

MINNEAPOLIS WILL KEEP FBIHQ AND OMAHA ADVISED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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04/29/74, EAGLE USED CARS, BROWN AND FLORENCE, E PASS, TEX 78852

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REG 75 [REDACTED]

NO RECORD IN MVD FILE

[REDACTED] - DPs-Austin

MVBur. 452-8111-Austin. X211 to 215.

Supplemental Allotment to Unk. County.

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SEARCH ON [REDACTED] FOR JOH

[REDACTED] 5-08 145 BLACK BROWN CLEAR
[REDACTED] ST DELRIO 78840
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9:55AM URGENT 6/25/75 CL3

TO OMAHA

SAN ANTONIO

FROM SACRAMENTO (70-2353) (RUC)

LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP; CIR - ADW;
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE 24, 1975.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, LISTS
CALIFORNIA LICENSE [REDACTED] AS REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POST OFFICE [REDACTED] EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, FOR A 1963
DODGE SEDAN, VIN [REDACTED]

SACRAMENTO INDICES ON [REDACTED]

SAN ANTONIO CHECK INDICES RE REGISTERED OWNER AND ADVISE
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3:10 PM URGENT JUNE 25, 1975 DTI

TO: MINNEAPOLIS (73-6869)

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FROM: SAN ANTONIO (73-6123 SUB 2)(P)

LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP; CIR -ADW;
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

RE MINNEAPOLIS AND SACRAMENTO NITELS, JUNE 24,
AND JUNE 25, 1975, RESPECTIVELY.

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CONCERNING [REDACTED]

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FOR INFORMATION MINNEAPOLIS, 1975 TEXAS LICENSE [REDACTED]
ISSUED TO 1967 CHEVROLET, VIN [REDACTED] OWNED BY
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] EAGLE PASS, TEXAS. SAN

ANTONIO INDICES NEGATIVE CONCERNING [REDACTED]
1975 TEXAS LICENSE [REDACTED] IS NOT A VALID TEXAS LICENSE
FOR AUTOMOBILE AND PREFIX FOR 1975 TRUCK LICENSE TO BE ISSUED
THROUGH HIM.

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Date: JUNE 25, 1975

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TO: MINNEAPOLIS (70-6869) DSC 3:15

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FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123-SUB 2) (P)

LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP; CIR - ADW;
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

RE MINNEAPOLIS AND SACRAMENTO NITELS, JUNE 24 and
JUNE 25, 1975, RESPECTIVELY.

FOR INFORMATION OF OMAHA, SAN ANTONIO INDICES NEGATIVE
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Date 9/16/75

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO
FROM: SA JOHN M. KEMMY
RE: File No. SA 70-6123 Sub 2

I have reviewed this file, and under the criteria set forth in Part II, Section 3, of Manual of Rules and Regulations, this file should be:

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FUGITIVE INDEX

SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE TEL TO PHOENIX DIVISION, NOVEMBER 3, 1989.

ON NOVEMBER 7, 1989, THE GALLUP RA, GALLUP, NEW MEXICO, TELEPHONICALLY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING

RUSSELL MEANS:



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC

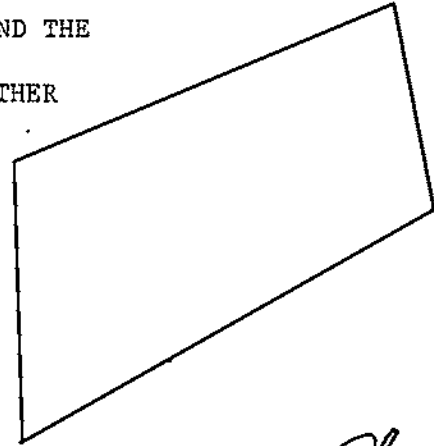
SAFETY, WINDOW ROCK DIVISION, WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, STATED THAT

HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES HAD NOT SEEN RUSSELL MEANS IN OR AROUND THE

WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, AREA SINCE OCTOBER 24, 1989.



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STATED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

ON NOVEMBER 7, 1989, [REDACTED] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WINDOW ROCK DISTRICT, WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE GALLUP RESIDENT AGENCY AND ADVISED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES HAVE NOT SEEN MEANS ON OR AROUND THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION SINCE OCTOBER 24, 1989.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1989, [REDACTED] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CHINLE, ARIZONA, PERSONALLY ADVISED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES HAVE NOT SEEN MEANS ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION OR IN THE VICINITY OF HIS RESIDENCE WHICH IS LOCATED IN CHINLE, ARIZONA, SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1989.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1989, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CHINLE, ARIZONA, PERSONALLY ADVISED THE GALLUP RA THAT HE USUALLY SEES MEANS ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION ABOUT TWO TO THREE TIMES PER WEEK. HOWEVER,

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT MEANS HAS NOT BEEN SEEN BY HIMSELF OR ANY OF HIS SOURCES SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1989. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT MEANS IS PRESENTLY SOMEWHERE OFF OF THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION.

ALL OF THE ABOVE CONTACTED SOURCES HAD INDICATED THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS BEING "KICK OFF" THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION.

BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION GATHERED, IT IS BELIEVED THAT MEANS IS NO LONGER ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION.

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PASS: ROBIN MONTGOMERY, SECTION CHIEF, FUGITIVES AND GENERAL
GOVERNMENT CRIMES SECTION.

Mr. ~~Montgomery~~ Montgomery

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SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS; UNSUBS; POTENTIAL VIOLENCE AT WINDOW
ROCK, ARIZONA ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION; 8/24/89; CIR; OO:
PHOENIX.

ON 8/23/89, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) OFFICIALS FROM
ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THE PHOENIX FBI AND BIA OFFICIALS
AT WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, THAT 25 SIOUX INDIANS LEFT ROSEBUD,

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SOUTH DAKOTA TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEMONSTRATION AT WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, WITH RUSSELL MEANS ON 8/24/89.

JAMES STEVENS, AREA DIRECTOR OF THE BIA AT WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, ADVISED THE PHOENIX FBI ON 8/23/89, THAT HE HEARD FROM THE NAVAJO POLICE THAT RUSSELL MEANS HAD TELEPHONED THE NAVAJO POLICE, NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (NDPS) ON 8/23/89, AND TOLD THEM THAT HE WAS PLANNING A DEMONSTRATION AND MARCH TO WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA ON 8/24/89, BETWEEN 11:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M. MEANS ALSO TOLD THE UNIDENTIFIED POLICE OFFICER THAT HE WAS PLANNING A PEACEFUL MARCH, BUT COULD NOT RULE OUT VIOLENCE ON THE PART OF DEMONSTRATORS.

ON 8/23/89, SA [REDACTED] GALLUP, NEW MEXICO RESIDENT AGENT, PHOENIX DIVISION, ATTENDED A MEETING IN WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR THE PLANNED DEMONSTRATION. ATTENDING, WERE MAJOR GEORGE JOHN, ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE, NDPS, JAMES STEVENS, BIA, AND NUMEROUS OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCILMAN FROM FORT DEFIANCE, ARIZONA, ADVISED THAT HE IS A LOCAL AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) MEMBER, BUT DOES NOT SUPPORT MEANS OR HIS VIOLENT METHODS. HE SAID MEANS WOULD RECEIVE NO LOCAL AIM SUPPORT. MAJOR JOHN ADVISED THAT HE HAS EVERY AVAILABLE POLICE OFFICER ON SCHEDULED DUTY FOR 8/24/89,

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AND WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE DEMONSTRATION. TRIBAL ATTORNEYS ADVISED THAT MEANS WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN NAVAJO TRIBAL COURT ON 8/24/89, FOR THE JULY ASSAULT ON JAMES STEVENS, BUT THE APPEARANCE HAS BEEN CONTINUED.

MAJOR JOHN WAS ADVISED BY SA WAGNER THAT NO FBI AGENTS WILL BE PRESENT TO WITNESS THE DEMONSTRATION, BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO INVESTIGATE ANY CRIMES WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION.

LEADS:

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION AT ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA:

WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE 25 ABOVE-MENTIONED SIOUX INDIANS WHO TRAVELLED TO ARIZONA TO DETERMINE THEIR KNOWN POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE.

PHOENIX DIVISION AT GALLUP, NEW MEXICO:

WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH TRIBAL POLICE AND BIA OFFICIALS AND WILL KEEP FBIHQ UPDATED ON ACTIVITIES. A COPY OF THIS IS DIRECTED TO ALBUQUERQUE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

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